

# HOW THE RESURRECTION CHANGED EVERYTHING

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### WHAT MADE THE 1ST CHRISTIANS SO CONTAGIOUS?

"In Christ we are <u>set free</u> by the blood of his death, and so <u>we have forgiveness</u> <u>of sins.</u> How rich is God's grace." Ephesians 1:7 (NCV)

"All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all. He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter . . . Unjustly condemned, he was led away. No one cared that he died without descendants, that his life was cut short in midstream. But he was struck down for the rebellion of my people. He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave . . . Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants."

"He was handed over to die because of <u>our sins</u>, and he was raised to life to <u>make us right</u> with God." Romans 4:25 (NLT)

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"When we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, we were not telling just clever stories that someone invented. But we saw the greatness of Jesus with our own eyes." 2 Peter 1:16 (NCV)

"For forty days after his death he appeared to them <u>many times in ways</u> that proved beyond doubt that he was alive. They saw him, and he talked with them about the Kingdom of God." Acts 1:3 (GNT)

"Christ died for our sins, as the scriptures said he would; that he was buried and rose again on the third day, again as the scriptures foretold. He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve, and subsequently he was seen simultaneously by over five hundred Christians, of whom the majority are still alive, though some have since died. He was then seen by James, then by all the messengers."

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (PHILLIPS)

"The Holy Spirit will come on you and give you power. You will be my witnesses. You will tell people everywhere about me—in Jerusalem, in the rest of Judea, in Samaria. and in every part of the world." Acts 1:8 (ERV)

"I pray that you will begin to understand how <u>incredibly great his power</u> is to <u>help</u> those who believe him. It is that same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead." Ephesians 1:19-20 (TLB)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

Jesus: "I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." John 13:34-35 (NLT)

"This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child . . . This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another."

1 John 3:10-11 (NIV)

John 3:16-17 (NIV)

Jesus: "If you insist on saving your life, you will lose it. Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live." Mark 8:35 (TLB)

"Who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Acts 15:26 (TLB)

"These troubles and sufferings of ours are, after all, quite small and won't last very long. Yet this short time of distress will result in God's richest blessing upon us forever and ever! So we do not look at what we can see right now, the troubles all around us, but we look forward to the joys in heaven which we have not yet seen. The troubles will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever." 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (TLB)

"For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better."

Philippians 1:21 (NLT)

"We have been born into a new life which has an inheritance that can't be destroyed or corrupted and can't fade away. That inheritance is kept in heaven for you." 1 Peter 1:4 (GW)

"No eye has ever seen or no ear has ever heard or no mind has ever thought of the wonderful things God has made ready for those who love Him."

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLV)

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 (NIV)

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9 (ESV)

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## THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S PLAN

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"God gave me the responsibility of bringing his kindness to you. You have heard that he let me know this mystery through a revelation . . . [and] the mystery about Christ. In the past, this mystery was not known by people as it is now. The Spirit has now revealed it to his holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is the Good News that people who are not Jewish have the same inheritance as Jewish people do. They belong to the same body and share the same promise that God made in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 3:2-6 (GW)

#### THE MYSTERY OF HISTORY IN 5 ACTS

ACT 1:
• TO REVEAL
"Everything comes from him and exists by his power and is <u>intended for his glory."</u> Romans 11:36 (NLT)
• TO EXPRESS "His compassion is intertwined with everything he does." Psalm 145:9 (TLB)
• TO FORM
"He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession." James 1:18 (NLT)
"When I think of the wisdom and scope of his plan, I fall down on my knees and pray to the Father of all the great family of God—some of them already in heaven and some down here on earth." Ephesians 3:14-15 (TLB)

## ACT 2:

"Sin came into the world because of what one man did. and with sin came death." Romans 5:12 (NCV)

"Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us." Romans 3:23 (MSG)

"For creation was condemned to lose its purpose . . . Yet there was the hope that creation itself would one day be set free from its slavery to decay and would share the glorious freedom of the children of God." Romans 8:20-21 (GNT)

### ACT 3:

"Jesus was given to die for our sins, and he was rai<u>sed</u> from the dead <u>to make us</u> right with God." Romans 4:25 (NCV)

"When we were unable to help ourselves, at the right time, Christ died for us, although we were living against God." Romans 5:6 (NCV)

"The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins." Romans 8:3 (NLT)

ACT 4:
"How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him." 1 Kings 18:21 (NIV)

"Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God." John 7:17 (NIV)

"Christ died for all so that those who live would not continue to live for themselves. He died for them and was raised from the dead so that they would live for him." 2 Corinthians 5:15 (NCV)

"Today I am giving you a choice between good and evil, between life and death." Deuteronomy 30:15 (GNT)

## ACT 5:

"Jesus died for us so that we can live together with him. It is not important if we are alive or dead when Jesus comes." 1 Thessalonians 5:10 (ERV)

"This is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth." Ephesians 1:10 (NLT)

"God's home is now with his people. He will live with them, and they will be his own. Yes, God will make his home among his people. He will wipe all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain. These things of the past are gone forever." Revelation 21:3-4 (CEV)

"All creation is eagerly waiting for God to show who his children are . . . that creation would be set free from decay and would share in the glorious freedom of his children." Romans 8:19, 21 (NLT)



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