

Romans 1:1–6
What Was God Telling Us
When He brought Jesus Back from the Dead?
April 8, 2012
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. It is Easy to Miss the Point

- A. The danger of a quote out of context
- B. The Misunderstanding of Miracles
 - 1. Why did Jesus heal *some* blind men?
 - 2. The miracle of the resurrection does not by itself have the power to convince people of the truth of Christianity

Luke 16:27–31

...‘Then I beg you, father, to send him [Lazarus] to my father’s house—²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’ ”

Key Idea

The power of the resurrection is always conveyed through the message of the resurrection. The message of the resurrection can only be understood in the context of the larger salvation story.

II. What is the Message of the Resurrection

- A. The Resurrection in the OT
(Sadducees & Pharisees)

Matthew 22:31–32

³¹ And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God: ³² ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God

of Jacob”? He is not God of the dead, but of the living.”

B. The Resurrection is also about the Last Days
& Final Judgment

John 11:23–26

²³ Jesus said to [Martha], “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha said to him, “*I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.*” ²⁵ Jesus said to [Martha], “***I am the resurrection*** and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

Acts 2:16–17a, 24–35 (Peter’s Sermon)

¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “‘And in the **last days** it shall be, God declares, that *I will pour out my Spirit* on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy...

²⁴ ***God raised him up***, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵ For **David says** concerning him, “*I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;* ²⁶ *therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.*” ²⁷ *For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.* ²⁸ *You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.*’

²⁹ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ ***he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ***, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus ***God raised up***, and of that we all are witnesses.

³³ *Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God,* and having received from the Father the promise of the **Holy Spirit**, *he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.* ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.” ’

C. Son of David, Son of God

Romans 1:1–6

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for *the gospel of God*, ² which he *promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures*, ³ concerning **his Son**, *who was descended from David according to the flesh* ⁴ and was *declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead*, **Jesus Christ our Lord**, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations*, ⁶ **including you** who are called to belong to Jesus Christ...

Psalms 2:1–12

¹ Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ² *The kings of the earth set themselves*, and the rulers take counsel together, *against the Lord and against his Anointed*, saying, ³ “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”

⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. ⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, ⁶ “As for me, **I have set my King on Zion**, my holy hill.” ⁷ I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “**You are my Son**; today I have begotten you. ⁸ Ask of me, and *I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.* ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a

potter's vessel.”¹⁰ **Now therefore, O kings**, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.¹¹ ***Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.***¹² ***Kiss the Son***, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. ***Blessed are all who take refuge in him.***

III. If You Have Ears Hear! (Turn & Submit Jesus)

John 5:25–29

²⁵ “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.²⁸ ***Do not marvel at this***, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

Acts 17:30–31

³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,³¹ because *he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed*; and of this *he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.*”

Matthew 27:52–53 (Torn curtain... earth shook...)

⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and ***appeared to many.***