

Mark 16:1-8 — "He's Not Here; He Is Risen! How the Resurrection of Jesus Changes Everything!"

Without the resurrection, the life and death of Jesus, though noble and admirable, are nonetheless overwhelmingly tragic events. With it Jesus is declared to be the Son of God with power (Rom 1.4), and the disciples are transformed from lethargic and defeated followers into the flaming witnesses of the Book of Acts. The Good news about Jesus Christ is that God, by the resurrection of Jesus, defeated sin, death, and hell. It was this message that lay at the heart of the apostolic preaching. (Walter Wessel)

Theological Points derived out of this text:

1. The trustworthiness of the record (bibliology) - 3 witnesses
2. The witness/ministry of angels (angelology) — to minister/encourage/remind them of Truth
3. The humanity of Jesus Christ (Christology/Humiliation) — Jesus the Nazareth
4. The deity of Jesus (Christology / Deity) — He has risen
5. The fear/trembling of man before the supernatural (Anthropology) - they feared the presence of God!
6. The work of Christ (Soteriology) - he was crucified, buried & was raised up!
7. The duty of believers - "Go and Tell!" (Ecclesiology)
8. The defanging of death (powerless) (Jesus rose up from the dead) (Eschatology)

Each member of the Trinity actively worked to raise Jesus

1. God raised him up (Acts 2.24 // Acts 10.40// Acts 13.30; // Rom 10.9)
2. Jesus raised himself (John 10.17-18)
3. The Spirit (Rom 8.11; Rom 1.4)

Review of the Outline of Mark's Gospel

- **Presentation** of the Suffering Servant (1:14 - 3:5)
- **Persecution** of the Suffering Servant (3:6-8:26)
- **Preparation** of the Suffering Servant (8:27-10:52)
- **Passion** of the Suffering Servant (11:1 - 15:47)
 - Messianic Presentation (Sunday; entry)
 - Messianic Power (Monday; clearing temple)
 - Messianic Proclamation (Tues; in Temple courts)
 - Messianic Preparation (Thurs; Last Supper)
 - Messianic Proclamation (Fri; It is Finished)
 - **Messianic Perfection (Sun; He's Risen!)**
- **Perfection** of the Suffering Servant (16:1-8)

THESIS — We must realize Jesus has been raised! He is alive! I want to preach and give you 4 fortifying features of the Resurrection of Your Savior...

The resurrection of your Savior is...

1. Historical 1-3 // 2. Supernatural 4-5 // 3. Essential 6 // 4. Testifiable 7-8

I. HISTORICAL! (1-3)

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Witnesses:

Day and Time:

The Problem:

II. SUPERNATURAL! (4-5)

III. ESSENTIAL! (6)

The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the crowning proof of Christianity. If the resurrection did not take place, then Christianity is a false religion. If it did take place, then Christ is God and the Christian faith is absolute truth. (Henry Morris)

*10 reasons why the resurrection is *so* essential:*

1. The resurrection of Jesus Christ means that believers are **justified** before God. (Rom 4.25)
2. The resurrection of Jesus Christ shows that Jesus defeated **death**. (Rom 6.23; 1 COr.15.55-57)
3. The resurrection of Jesus Christ means that believers are **united** with Christ. (Rom 6.8)
4. The resurrection of Jesus Christ confirms the truth of **Scripture**. (Ps 16.10-11)
5. The resurrection of Jesus Christ proves the **gospel** to be true. (1 Cor 15.14, 17-19)
6. The resurrection of Jesus Christ proves that Jesus is the **Son** of God. (Rom 1.4)
7. The resurrection of Jesus Christ means that God the Father will give His Holy **Spirit** to believers. (Acts 2.33)
8. The resurrection of Jesus Christ gives Christians a living **hope**. (1 Peter 1.3-4)
9. The resurrection of Jesus Christ means that we will be **raised** like Him. (1 COR 15.20-22)
10. The resurrection of Jesus Christ means that Christ will **judge** the world in righteousness. (Acts 17.30-31)

IV. TESTIFIABLE! (7-8)

The proclamation!

The promise:

The panic:

**Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord, He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected, as will we be when he comes.**

— Matt Boswell

Prayer Meeting Guide

RESPONSE to the Word (corporate prayer)

PRAYING the Word (corporate prayer in the psalm)

INTERCESSION for the Saints (particular needs)

Praying through Psalm 135

1. The **CALL** to praise (vv.1-3)
2. The **REASONS** to praise (vv.4-18)
 - ★ God's election (v4)
 - ★ God's sovereignty (vv5-6)
 - ★ God's power (v7)
 - ★ God's deliverances (vv8-12)
 - ★ God's supremacy/preeminence (vv13-18)
3. The **PEOPLE** of praise (vv19-21)

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
 Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
 Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
 Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
 Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
 Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
 Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
 Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
 Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
 Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
 Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
 Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!
 Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

UPRISING FROM THE DARKSOME TOMB, SEE THE VICTORIOUS JESUS!*Tune: "In Christ Alone"*

Uprising from the darksome tomb,
 See the victorious Jesus come;
 The Mighty Captive leaves the prison,
 And angels tell, The Lord is risen.
 Ye guilty souls, that groan and grieve,
 Hear the glad tidings, hear and live!
 God's righteous law is satisfied,
 And justice now is on your side.

Your Surety, thus released by God,
 Pleads the rich ransom of his blood;
 No new demand, no bar remains,
 But mercy now triumphant reigns.
 Believers, hail your rising Head,
 The first-begotten from the dead;
 Your resurrection's sure, through his,
 To endless life and boundless bliss!

Death is no more the king of dread, Since our Immanuel rose;
 He took the tyrant's sting away, And spoiled our hellish foes.
 Raise your devotion, mortal tongues, To reach his blest abode;
 Sweet be the accents of your songs To our incarnate God
 — Isaac Watts