

The welcome verse for this week is 1 Corinthians 6:14, “God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.”



Good News for Everyone

Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 15

The Bottom Line: The risen Jesus redeems our past, present, and future.

Introduction

The Christian faith began because of one crucial event that took place.

The foundation that holds up the church is the testimony of the apostles to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Not all of us currently identify with disappointing circumstances (Mary Magdalene), doubts in our faith (Thomas), or intense regret (Peter). One thing that is certain for all of us – death.

Tension

Facing the reality of our own death causes us to wonder... is there more to life than this?

When we observe the state of our own life and those around us, we can be tempted to fall into serious depression and anxiety.

Truth

What hope can the resurrection of Jesus, the hinge point of our faith, offer to a broken humanity and a suffering creation?

Paul believed that the resurrection was sufficient for “raising us” above the suffering of this world. **Read 1 Corinthians 15.**

Application & Conclusion

The risen Jesus redeems our past, present, and future. We are not indebted to the weight of our sins. We can live in the moment with anticipation of coming peace and comfort. We can know that death does not have the final word over us. There is truly more to life than this because Jesus walked out of his grave, and one day, we will too.

*“If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead
will also give life to your mortal bodies
through his Spirit who dwells in you.”*

~ Romans 8:11

Discussion questions for group this week:

1. What does this teach me about God?

2. What does this teach me about me?

3. How do I apply this to my life?

4. If I could ask a question about this it would be....