

The Resurrection of the King

Introduction

- I. We cannot understand our salvation unless we understand the cross.
- II. Neither can we understand the Christian life unless we understand the resurrection.
Actually, the two events are _____.

Body

I. The King in His glory. **Matt. 28:1-10**

- A. The time: earliest _____, a time of _____.
- B. The participants: MM and M: their hearts were breaking, but they were about to get a _____.
- C. The startling event: a **great** _____.
- D. The beautiful "music": "He is not here, for he has been _____."
 - 1. This is a _____ hymn!
 - 2. Jesus has overcome the great destroyer and proven himself to be worthy to be king of kings and Lord of lords.
- E. Suddenly the King appears in his resurrection _____.
 - 1. He stands on HIS earth.
 - 2. His suffering is behind Him, and now he appears as the Lord of Life.
 - 3. Behold our King!

II. The city of _____. **Matt. 28: 16-20**

- A. In Jerusalem it is _____ as usual.
- B. In spite of the greatest event in human history nothing has changed there.

III. The King in his authority. **Matt. 28:16-20**

- A. The story begins with the disciples 'humanity.
- B. The story ends with the King's _____.
 - 1. He makes the greatest claim of personal authority.
 - 2. He gives his great commission. ("all")
 - 3. This is not a burden; it is a _____ for the world.

Conclusion: All hail the power of Jesus 'name!

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Messenger

Welcome! We are glad you chose to worship with us.

Experience God

The word "experience" in religious and spiritual settings is dangerous. For so many it means emotionally charged moments — moments that have nothing to do with God in reality, or with his coming into one's life. But we'll not let the danger keep us from the necessity of addressing the need for experiencing God. Often, in Scripture the idea of experience is found in the verb "to know" and the noun "knowledge." Many metaphors are also used in describing relationship with God, such as "walk." The language of Scripture is rich to describe how we experience God.

What is it exactly that we need to experience in terms of God?

I. Experience the goodness of God.

May I experience your loyal love, O Lord, and your deliverance, as you promised. Psalm 119.41.

God shows his goodness in so many ways. His blessings are renewed every day. He opens doors of opportunity. What is called his providence causes things to happen for the good of his people.

Peter quoted the Old Testament when he said,

And yearn like newborn infants for pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up to salvation, if you have experienced the Lord's kindness, 1 Peter 2.2-3.

The "if" carries no doubt but transmits the sense of since they had experienced the Lord's kindness, they ought to exercise themselves to grow up to salvation.

Make your list of the Lord's kindness that you have experienced.

II. Experience the power of God.

My aim is to know him, to experience the power of his resurrection, to share in his sufferings, and to be like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. Philippians 3.10-11. God makes things happen. The best of all is changing our hearts and sweeping us into his presence. (See below.) Our personal experience with change is mostly frustration. We lack true power for transformation. We start with a broken life we are unable to fix. All the positive thinking books in the world can't solve our basic problem of sin. God doesn't just reform, he remakes. He brings new life to those who are the walking dead.

Like the apostle Paul, our aim ought to be to know Christ by experiencing what he did — the power of his resurrection. He is the first fruit of God's power. If he was raised we also shall be.

That power also gives us power to share in his sufferings here on earth. We can meet the hardships head on. God gives us power to accomplish eternal results, as did our Lord Jesus Christ.

Where have you seen God's power at work in and through your life?

III. Experience the purpose of God.

If a man dies, will he live again? Job 14.14.

A life-reason that cannot go beyond death is too small for humans. Death is not the end of it all. From the ancient Egyptians forward (and before them), mankind has had an innate sense that something awaits us after this life. Job asks the question and seems to penetrate the fog to affirm it, even in the midst of the most intense suffering.

Only humans were made in God's image — capable of love and decision and intentional selflessness. Even our purification from sin is described in relational terms:

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, 1 Peter 1.22 ESV.

We are purified "for" brotherly love. God meant for us to live in love. This is our purpose. And it is also our purpose to offer that love to others, in a permanent way and structure, the family of faith.

God gives us purpose to carry us through this life and to fit all of our human experience within a framework of his eternal plan. No earthly sensation can compare to the sense of purpose that God gives us, for he calls us into fellowship with him and with his purpose. This a true and great grace.

Does God's purpose ring in your mind and heart every day?

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IV. Experience the presence of God.

Whom do I have in heaven but you? On earth there is no one I desire but you. Psalm 73.25.

The best of all experiences is to have God in our lives. We live not for what God can give or do for us, but for God himself. We were created for this, to know and walk with God. What was notable about people like Enoch and Noah was that they walked with God, Genesis 5.22-24; 6.9. Abraham and Isaac walked before God, Genesis 48.15. The Lord promised to Israel, "And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people" Leviticus 26.14.

I recall years ago when some reacted against a wrong teaching about having a relationship with God. They rightly showed the error of emotional subjectivity in faith. But let us not throw out the baby with the bath water. The whole point of Scripture, the reason for God's revelation, the motive behind the Cross, is reconciliation — being restored to God's presence.

Our service to God is defined by the concept of reconciliation, 2 Corinthians 5.18-20. Our message can be summarized like this, "be reconciled to God."

This is priority purpose, and so is being reconciled to our brother and sister in Christ, Matthew 5.24.

This purpose goes way back:

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, Deuteronomy 12.10.

The great goal of being delivered from sin and death is to walk with God. "For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life" Psalm 56.13.

Schedule of Services

Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Ladies Class	11:00 am
(via Zoom)	
Wed. Evening Study	7:00 pm

Minister Dennis Baker

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Gordon Gower Morris Guest
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Deacons

Don Dillahunty Rick Pinney
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ATTENDANCE

Bible Class	66
AM Worship	96
PM Worship	34

FINANCES

Weekly Budget	\$3995
Weekly Contribution	\$6013

Do you go by what you feel, when it comes to God's presence in your life, or by what you know, by what Scripture tells you?

They thought so

Jesus warned us not to be like some who will reach the judgment day thinking they were approved, only to be turned away.

Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter into the kingdom of heaven — only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day, many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, and in your name cast out demons and do many powerful deeds?" Then I will declare to them, "I never knew you. Go away from me, you lawbreakers!" Matthew 7.21-23.

It is easy to be deceived and to deceive ourselves. We may do good deeds and say they are done in Jesus' name. But no one drew greater wrath from the Lord than the religious leaders. So, we must reject false ways, human traditions, wrong teachings, half-hearted service, and tiresome ritual. We must have sincere faith, proper motivations, humble submission, deep fear, singular love, and complete obedience to the will of God.

The prophet Hosea said,

Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth. Hosea 6.3.

The "God's Word Translation" says, "Let's learn about the LORD. Let's get to know the LORD." Just as we experience the wonderful spring rains that water the earth, we may experience the God who sends rain and sun upon all mankind and who sent his Son Jesus Christ to bring us eternal hope.

We have been given the keys to the Kingdom of God. We can enter. We can know the Lord. We can experience in a true way his goodness, his power, his purpose, and his presence. Let us seek him with all our being.

Now without faith it is impossible to please him, for the one who approaches God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11.6.

By J. Randal Matheny

Things to Know

Power for Today

Next quarters devotionals are on the back table if you would like to pick one up.

Helping Hands Camp Donations

Ladies if you would like to make homemade items to sell at the upcoming ladies retreat please see Sally Guest. All proceeds from your donation will go toward the camp.

Ladies Retreat Donations

We are asking the ladies of the congregation for your help with baked goods. If you can make and donate items such as cookies, brownies, muffins or sweet breads, please see Patty Pinney or Heidi Guest.

Ladies Retreat Meeting

Wednesday June 16th at 11am at the church building.

ESCALATORS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

- JAMES 4:4 NIV

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bob Justice is improving slowly. He will be in the hospital another week. Thank you all for your prayers and cards.

Theresa Miller (Larry Miller's daughter in law) treatment for cancer.

Shirley (Denise Miller's sister) problems with her lungs and heart.

Sean Steward (friend of Barry & Millie Redden) still unable to speak and has no movement below his neck, due to COVID illness.

Pam Buchanan (Mandy's mom) having more GI difficulties.

David Hanna recovering at home from being in hospital with chest pain. Cardiologist adjusted meds.

Curtis Porter (friend of Marcia Serrano) cancer.

Continual Prayers Health Reasons/Treatment

~ **Rusty & Bonnie Parker** many difficulties with Rusty's dementia

~ **Richard McDonald (Katherine Stewart's brother-in-law)** bladder cancer

~ **Suzanne Lacey (friend of the Gowers)** treatment for kidney cancer

~ **Brandy Aquafedda (Denise Miller's niece)** treatment for her brain cancer.

~ **Avery Adkins (Betty Hanna's great-granddaughter)** finished chemo, she is starting to eat better and feel normal. Praise God! Will need to have regular checkups for a while.

~ **Ruthie Jarrett (Marcia Serrano's cousin)** cancer treatment, continuing chemo treatment.

~ **Carolyn Fields (friend of Larry Miller)** has terminal cancer.

~ **Daniel Tillman** brain tumor

~ **Allen Till (Dolores Buehler's son-in-law)** cancer treatment

~ **Rita Bowden (friend of Sally Guest)** stage 4 cancer.

~ **Carol Ann Burdine (former member)** chemo for new tumors.

Our Shut-ins

Marjorie Trammell

Ravenell Young

Betty McInnes (Syble Mann's mother) under hospice care.