

'The #1 Thing About Easter'
A Reminder of the Resurrections Promises, Power & Purpose
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; 1 Peter 1:3-9

Reminded of the Resurrections **promises, power, purpose**:

1) The gospel of Jesus is a gift to be understood & received

*¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preach-ed to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³For I deliver-ed to you as **of first importance** what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that He was buried, that **He was raised on the third day** in accordance with the Scriptures”* **1**
Corinthians 15:1-4

Jesus said it over and over, it wasn't fully understood...

*“He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and **after three days rise again.** ³²He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” He said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns...”* **Mark 8:31-33**

*⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had **risen from the dead.** ¹⁰They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what “**rising from the dead**” meant... ^{9:31}because He was teaching His disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill Him, and **after three days He will rise.**” ³²But they did not understand what He meant and were afraid to ask Him about it.”* **Mark 9:9-10; 31-32**

They understood and believed after seeing Him - (blessed...)

*“(Peter speaking) Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross. But **God raised Him from the dead**, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him... ³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it...”* **Acts 2:22-24, 32**

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2) The changes Jesus makes in us are humbling & shared.

⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he

appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

1 Corinthians 15:5-11

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3) No matter the agonizing trials – We are loved & shielded.

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1:3-9



The resurrection offers life from this new perspective

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