

Sermon Discussion Guide:

The Savior Who Rose For Us

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Scripture: **1 Corinthians 15:3–4**

OVERVIEW

We don't read the fine print. We just click "yes" and move on. This approach to life can lead us to do this with things that are very important. As we breeze past the fine print of our faith, we can forget the importance of some doctrines, but we shouldn't—the heart of our faith is the gospel. Central to the gospel is the resurrection of Jesus. It's foundational and unifies us. It's not an ideology—it's historical fact. Jesus actually rose from the dead. If we lose the resurrection we lose everything. **The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our believing and becoming.**

CORROBORATING TEXTS

1 Cor. 15:14, 17; Romans 1:4; John 10:17; Romans 4:25; Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:34;
1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Ephesians 1:19-20; Philippians 3:10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How has your understanding of the resurrection of Christ changed after this sermon?
2. Read John 10:17. One of the reasons that the resurrection matters is that it demonstrates that Jesus is the Son of God. How do we see Jesus's power as the Son of God in this text? What should our response be to this specific truth? *[We should believe and trust him]*
3. The resurrection of Christ assures us of salvation. How do we come to this conclusion after reading 1 Corinthians 15? We also see this in Romans 4:25 which says we are raised for our justification? Define justification. *[We are pardoned for our sins but also counted righteous. Our sins were laid on Christ and we're given Christ's righteousness.]*
4. Another reason why the resurrection matters is that we worship a living Savior. We are not reading the words of a dead man. See Hebrews 7:25 and Romans 8:34. We often reflect on Christ's works (the life he led and what he did on the cross), but we can forget what he continues to do for us today—interceding. Why is it important to reflect on this truth about our risen Savior? *[He cares about us and is involved in all the details of your life.]*
5. Take a look at 1 Corinthians 15:12-20. Why is it important that we reflect on the fact that the resurrection of Jesus promises us a resurrection of our own?
6. How do verses like Ephesians 1:19-20 and Philippians 3:10 help us understand why the resurrection matters to us today? *[the spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in us to make us look more like Christ and helps us live for our God in a hostile world.]*
7. Why does Pastor Joe say that "if we lose the resurrection we lose everything?"