

## Easter Sunday: The Resurrection Matthew 28:1–10

### The Resurrection Was Historical

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.” (1 Corinthians 15:3–8)

### The Resurrection Was a Miracle

“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

### The Resurrection Was Authenticating

“From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.” (Matthew 16:21)

“And was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 1:4)

### The Resurrection Was Saving

“Then all the disciples left him and fled.” (Matthew 26:56)

“Who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.” (Romans 4:25)

“Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.” (Romans 8:34)

“Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.” (Hebrews 7:25)

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

### The Resurrection Was a Beginning

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” (Matthew 28:18–20)

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.” (1 Corinthians 15:20–23)

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**Discuss**

- Why does it matter that the resurrection is historical?
- How should the resurrection motivate you to make disciples?
- Do you overlook the resurrection when it comes to the saving work of Jesus? Why, or why not?

**Read**

Mark 16:1–8; Luke 24:1–53; John 20:1–21:25; 1 Corinthians 15:1–58

**Pray**

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will empower the members of our church family to make disciples.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will give you faith to believe that what God says about the resurrection of Jesus is true.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to respond to Jesus in the way that he deserves as the Son of God.

**Announcements**

- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering: Final Day to Give
- Sunday School: Weekly at 9:30am
- Youth Gathering: Wednesday at 6:30pm
- Exploring Membership: Saturday, May 7 (8:00am–12:00pm)