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TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:14-21

“The resurrection culminates the passion narrative in all four Gospels because it is at the centre of redemption itself. Without it, one can only pity Jesus as a dead martyr whose lofty ideals were sadly misunderstood.” –D. Turner

1. It is necessary for our preaching and confessions to be verified

*1 Conrinthains 15:14-15, Acts 2:36 , 1 Corinthians 1:23-24,
2 Corinthians 4:5, Colossians 1:28*

a. Power in our declaration

Acts 2:22-24, 32, 37, 3:14-15, 4:12-13

The Resurrection of Jesus emboldened us with power.

b. Proof of what we declare

*Matthew 28:6, Matthew 12:40, Matthew 27:62-63, Psalm 16:10,
Hosea 6:2*

The Resurrection is the proof that we preach truth.

2. It is necessary for our salvation and security to be valid

1 Conrinthains 15:16-18, Hebrew 10:10-13

a. Victory over death

*1 Conrinthains 15:21-22, 1 Corinthians 15:55-57,
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*

The pivotal person in the whole redemption narrative is Jesus. He is the Gospel. Without His resurrection, the redemptive work would not have been complete.

3. It is necessary for our present and future hope to be viable

1 Conrinthains 15:19-20, 1 Peter 1:3-5

Without the resurrection we would be placing our faith in a martyr, but because of the resurrection we have our hope in a living Saviour!

a. Saving hope

Titus 3:7, Ecclesiastes 9:4

We have a saving hope because Jesus is alive!

b. Sure hope

Hebrews 6:18-19

c. Soon hope

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

A promise of His return. We must look to it as our comfort. WE don't sorrow as those without hope! We have hope because of the Resurrection.

The fact that he has risen from the dead, establishes our salvation and eternal security because of His victory over death. The truth we can rest our hope is in the knowledge of a risen Saviour.

You have a Saviour who lives! He lives, having paid the price for your sin, that offering being accepted by God the Father. He as God, rose triumphantly making His claims valid.