

# THE RESURRECTION GIVES US FOUR MAJOR BENEFITS

## Sermon Outline

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- † Luke 24:1-3, “Very early that Sunday morning, the women made their way to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. Among them were Mary Magdalene; Joanna; and Mary, Jesus’ mother. <sup>2</sup>Arriving at the tomb they discovered that the huge stone covering the entrance had been rolled aside, <sup>3</sup>so they went in to look. But the tomb was empty. The body of Jesus was gone!” (TPT).
- † Matthew 27:62-66, “The chief priests and the Pharisees went together to Pilate. <sup>63</sup>They said to him, “Our master, we remember that this imposter claimed that He would rise from the dead after three days. <sup>64</sup>So please, order the tomb to be sealed until after the third day. Seal it so that His disciples can’t come and steal the corpse and tell people He rose from the dead. Then the last deception would be worse than the first!” <sup>65</sup>“I will send soldiers to guard the tomb,” Pilate replied. “Go with them and make the tomb as secure as possible.” <sup>66</sup>So they left and sealed the stone, and Pilate’s soldiers secured the tomb” (TPT).
- † Mark 16:3, “On the way they were asking each other, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb? (NLT).
- † Luke 24:11, “The disciples thought that what the women said was nonsense, and they did not believe them” (TEV).
  - The word translated here as “nonsense” is the Greek New Testament word [λῆρος; lēros]. Luke, who wrote this was a doctor in his day and he uses here a medical term. This word refers to someone sick with \_\_\_\_\_.

### 1. The Resurrection of Jesus gives an \_\_\_\_\_ about life and death (Luke 24:36-28; John 18:36).

- † 1 Corinthians 15:54b-55a, “Death is swallowed up in victory. <sup>55</sup>O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” (NASB).
- † 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, “For I, Paul, have shared with you what I have received and what is of utmost importance: The Messiah, Jesus, died for our sins, fulfilling the prophecies of the Scriptures. <sup>4</sup>He was buried in a tomb and was raised from the dead after three days, as foretold in the Scriptures. <sup>5</sup>Then he appeared to Peter the Rock and to the twelve apostles. <sup>6</sup>He also appeared to more than 500 of His followers at the same time, most of whom are still alive as I write this, though a few have passed away. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to Jacob, also called James, and to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all He appeared in front of me” (TPT).

### 2. The Resurrection of Jesus gives us an \_\_\_\_\_ about the present and the future.

#### Jesus’ Resurrection Gives Us A Glimpse Of Where This Indestructible Hope Takes Us

#### a. We will have a \_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus did after His death.

- † Revelation 21:1, 4, “I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared . . . <sup>4</sup>He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever” (NLT).”
- † 1 Corinthians 2:9, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him” (NLT).

#### b. God helps us eventually see how to use our \_\_\_\_\_ for a greater \_\_\_\_\_.

- † Luke 24:38-40a, “Jesus said to His disciples, ‘Why would you be so frightened? Don’t let doubt or fear enter your hearts, for I AM!’ <sup>39</sup>Come and gaze upon My pierced hands and feet. See for yourselves, it is I, standing here alive. Touch Me and know that My wounds are real. See that I have a body of flesh and bone.’ <sup>40</sup>He showed them His pierced hands and feet and let them touch His wounds. <sup>41</sup>The disciples were ecstatic yet dumbfounded, unable to fully comprehend it” (TPT).
- † Romans 8:28, “And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them” (NLT).

3. The Resurrection of Jesus gives us an \_\_\_\_\_ that gives us meaning and significance in this life (Luke 24:41-43; John 21:2-3).

- The Resurrection is God’s way of shouting through a megaphone: \_\_\_\_\_ matter to Me!

- + *Luke 12:15* (Jesus said), “Life is not measured by how much stuff you own” (NLT).
- + *Matthew 16:26* (Jesus said) For even if you were to gain all the wealth [stuff] and power of this world with everything it could offer you—at the cost of your own life—what good would that be? And what could be more valuable to you than your soul?” (TPT).
- + *Matthew 4:19* (Jesus said to His disciples), “Come and follow Me, and I will transform you into men who fish and catch people for God” (TPT).
- + *Genesis 1:27*, “So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female he created them” (NLT).

4. The Resurrection of Jesus gives us an unconstrained \_\_\_\_\_ for eternity (John 14:16-18; John 21:4-6, 8-13; Luke 24:44-48).

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### Next Steps Devotional Guide

1. Everyday around the world, around 175,000 die. That is 7,291 each hour. In America, that is around 8,000 each day. That is 333 every hour. You will die one day. Are you ready to face God?
2. What does Easter mean to you and how do you celebrate it?
3. We look at four major benefits we get from Jesus Christ’s Resurrection —an undeniable certainty about life and death; an indestructible hope about our present and future; an unstoppable purpose that gives us meaning and significance in life; and an unconstrained presence of Jesus with us for all eternity no matter what we have done. Which one of these means the most to you and why?
4. It’s not about the bunny! Do you really believe in Easter according to the Bible?