

RESURRECTION
SUNDAY



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Message Guide | April 4, 2021

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In this intriguing narrative of a man who was dead four days and literally reconstructed back to life, we find similarities to our own resurrection and a prototype of Jesus' resurrection. And in the hope of the second life Lazarus received, we also find ours.

There are eternal insights from this timeless story of a resurrection, which reminds us of the greatest one that followed:

CHRIST'S WORDS OF HOPE (vv. 25-27):

JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. IF YOU LIVE IN HIM, AND BELIEVE IN HIM, YOU NEVER DIE.

John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die."

- Here, in Christ's own words, is the most basic and important truth you will ever believe or reject: you are saved by faith alone, in Christ alone and therefore by grace alone. This is proven by scripture alone, for the glory of God alone. Jesus asked "do you believe this?" We have to.

Romans 10:9-13 - 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. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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CHRIST'S WORK OF HOPE (vv. 28-44):

JESUS ALWAYS RESURRECTS THOSE WHO ARE HIS.

- Jesus wept because he loved Lazarus. But he probably also wept because he mourned the devastation that sin has brought upon us, on those that He loves. Jesus loves those who are His, and whatever breaks us, breaks His heart too.

- The person who becomes a believer in Christ does not have one, but two resurrections (in nature):

We are spiritually resurrected upon the new birth:

Romans 6:3-5 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We are physically resurrected at Christ's return:

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 - For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord (also John 6:40; 1 Corinthians 15:23; John 11:24).

CHRIST'S WITNESS OF HOPE (vv. 44-45, John 12:9-11):

RESURRECTED PEOPLE SHOULD BE REMINDED – WE ARE REDEEMED TO REPRESENT CHRIST.

- Just by his existence, Lazarus became a witness for Christ, and many came to faith in Christ.

John 12:9-11 - When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

- We must be reminded that in a similar way, we are saved not only for God's glory and our eternal good: we are saved to become living witnesses of the hope that is found in Christ. You don't have to be spectacular, impressive or eloquent – just willing.

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Lazarus had a glorious and desirable miracle, and our resurrection will be *similar*: miraculous, a bending of the laws of nature. But he was resurrected to an earthly body and eventually died. Our resurrection will be *exactly* like Jesus: a glorified body. Hence we can really say, His resurrection is ours.

At a time like this when everyone is losing hope about life, there is no greater hope than the truth of our rescue from death: not once, but twice.

Happy Resurrection Day, Church Family!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what ways is Lazarus' resurrection similar to Christ? In what ways was it inferior?
2. Why can our resurrection be described as both past and future?
Hint: the two natures of our resurrection.
3. As you pray together, make this a time of thanksgiving, specifically be personally grateful for how the resurrection gives you hope in the midst of a world that seems to grow darker each day. Whether the future shows us life or looming death, the believer is always with the Lord in this life or best of all, in the next.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING



Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

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Mondays and Fridays | 8:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF Facebook and YouTube

LIVEstream (Youth LIVE Worship)

Saturdays | 5:00 p.m. | on youtube.com/user/gcfyouthlive

KIDS' L.I.F.E. ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 1:00 p.m. | on Facebook at @GCFKidsLIFE

THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER

Thursdays | 8:00 p.m. | 9 p.m. | via Zoom

YA DEVOTIONALS: SERIES ON THE BOOK OF PHILEMON (PART 2)

April 7, 2021 | 8:00 p.m. | LIVE on GCF Facebook and YouTube page with Pastor JP Kabuhat

DISCOVERING WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS (6-WEEK ONLINE BIBLE STUDY)

Sundays | 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | via Zoom

Pre-registration required:

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BUILDING LASTING RELATIONSHIPS AMONG COUPLES

April 17, 2021 | 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. | via Zoom

Speakers: Elder Arnold & Sister Flordz Perona

Online registration: tinyurl.com/CouplesFellowshipBLR

For inquiries, please contact: 0917 532 1921

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Fridays | 1:00 p.m. | via Viber | with Lucy Lee, Grace ChuaChiaco, Eliza Shih-Chiusinco

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