





**MARCH 31, 2024** 



TODAY'S MESSAGE

### The Real-life Relevance of the Resurrection

LUKE 24:1-7

"the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."

**LUKE 24:7** 

#### **RESURRECTION** SUNDAY WORSHIP **SERVICES**

10:30 AM, 5:30 PM Speaker: Pastor Larry Pabiona

## RESURRECTION SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

#### **PRELUDE**

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

What A Beautiful Name This Is Amazing Grace Christ Our Hope in Life and Death GCF Chancel Choir and Praise Team 1

ANG BATONG BUHAY

Larrie Ilagan

**TESTIMONY** 

NEW NAME WRITTEN DOWN IN GLORY

4Word+

**BAPTISM** 

WALK Crewcified

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

Glorious Day This Is Our God with How Great Is Our God Praise Team 2 and GCF Hands of Praise

WORSHIP IN THE WORD Pastor Larry Pabiona

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

I SPEAK JESUS Praise Team 3

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

Because He Lives with How Great Thou Art Living Hope with What A Beautiful Name GCF Chancel Choir, Senior Choir, and Praise Team 3

BENEDICTION Pastor Larry Pabiona

HALLELUJAH CHORUS





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"He is not here, but has risen." This statement is one of the most comforting truths in the entire Bible. This was spoken to Mary Magdalene and other ladies who came to anoint Jesus' body with fragrant spices because they thought He started decomposing. Instead, He rose from the dead.

How should the reality of Jesus' Resurrection affect 21stcentury believers like us today?

## BECAUSE JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD, EVERYTHING HE CLAIMED ABOUT HIMSELF IS TRUE.

 The credibility of Jesus as a Savior and as God Himself is based on the premise that He always said He would conquer death, and He did (Luke 9:22, Luke 18:32–33).

#### BECAUSE JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD, EVERYTHING HE PROMISED TO THOSE WHO TRUST IN HIM AS SAVIOR AND LORD IS TRUE (John 5:24, Romans 6:4–5).

- How do we know that Jesus really lived again?
  - Skeptical Jews eventually worshiped Him (Luke 24:52).
  - Paul killed His followers and then followed Him (Acts 9:2; Philippians 3:8–10).
  - People in the early church who witnessed His resurrection willingly died for Him (Acts 3:15).

#### BECAUSE JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD, ALL WHO DIED IN CHRIST ARE NOW WITH HIM FOREVER.

 Like Jesus, they are not here but have risen (John 11:25–26).

#### BECAUSE JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD, ALL WHO LIVE IN CHRIST TODAY WILL LIVE WITH GOODNESS AND MERCY FOREVER (Psalm 23:6, Revelation 21:3–4).

- The Resurrection of Jesus gives us strength for today because it gives us hope for the future. The truth of Christ's resurrection guarantees the reality of God's Eternal Kingdom
  - Heaven, for many, will be a place for restoring what they've lost. But the best part of heaven will be God giving us what we never had to begin with.

#### **FINAL THOUGHTS**

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## THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



#### WHAT IF CHRIST NEVER ROSE FROM THE DEAD?

Have you ever asked yourself what would happen if Christ never rose from the dead? Paul tackled the implications of this dilemma in 1 Corinthians 15:14-19. In it, he categorizes two groups: Paul and the other apostles, on one hand, and the Corinthian believers, on the other.

First, Paul said of himself and the apostles: "Our preaching is in vain." He summarizes all ministry under preaching because that is God's ordained way of communicating His message, which isn't necessarily limited to the pulpit. Paul reveals that he and the apostles were misrepresenting God if Christ stayed dead because they testified that God raised Christ. They have

hoodwinked people and spoken falsely about God if Jesus never lived again.

But the more painful part is for the Corinthian believers and, by extension, for us believers today. He said, "Your faith is in vain." What does that mean? It means that all Christians believed uselessly ("your faith is futile"), and therefore we are still unsaved! Worst of all, those who died have gone on to eternal judgment.

He sums it up by saying something that applies to both groups (using the pronoun "we"), both apostles and believers: "If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied" (v. 19). If we don't have something beyond this life to look forward to, why bother with the problems of being a Christian? With all we have endured for Christ, if there is no resurrection and, therefore, no heavenly reward beyond this life, we are pathetic!

Aren't you glad that Jesus really rose from the dead and that if we put our faith in Him, we will never perish but have eternal life? That's the essence of the Gospel. He is risen indeed!

#### A BLESSED RESURRECTION SUNDAY TO ALL

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

If you are led to give, you may do so through the following means:

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#### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

#### SUNDAYS

8:00 AM • English 10:30 AM • English 3:00 PM • Filipino 5:30 PM • English

#### **SATURDAYS**

5:30 PM • Traditional Worship

#### WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM -

employees)

**Ortigas Community Worship** (for Ortigas residents and

> (Traditional and 8:00 AM Services are live on-site only)

#### PRAYER GATHERING

#### **THURSDAYS**

8:00 PM

#### **GCF Family's Hour of Prayer**

Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763

Passcode: 984990

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

#### SUNDAYS

9:30 AM

#### **Sunday Bible School** Live at GCF Chapel

#### KIDS, YOUTH, AND YOUNG ADULTS

#### SUNDAYS

10:30 AM

#### SATURDAYS

4:00 PM

#### **FRIDAYS**

7:00 PM

#### **KidsLIFE Sunday School**

For ages 1.5 to 13, 4th Floor

#### YouthLIVE Worship

For highschool and college. Auditorium A

#### Young Adults (YA) Fellowship

Open to 20-40 year olds, Fellowship Hall

#### **GROWTH GROUPS**

Discipleship groups for all ages, all days of the week, throughout Metro Manila and online

SIGN-UP AT gcf.org.ph/growth-groups

## TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

#### THE CHARACTER OF GOD

God is holy, pure, and just. He rightfully and righteously judges and punishes all sin.

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! (Isaiah 6:3)

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. (Revelation 15:4)

#### THE CRISIS WE FACE

We all have failed God's standard and face God's righteous judgment.

66 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... (Romans 3:23)

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. (Romans 1:18)

#### THE CALL OF JESUS

The Lord Jesus is God's only way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to God. He took the judgment for our sins on the Cross, and whoever comes to Christ for forgiveness, He gives new life and an eternal relationship with God.

66 Jesus said "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

The Lord Jesus is calling out to us: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28-30)

#### WHAT MUST WE DO?

Come to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness and salvation:

"Lord Jesus, be merciful to me—a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen."

## CHURCH UPDATES and UPCOMING EVENTS

KidsLIFE Sunday School (Except Special Sundays)

SUN

10:30 AM • Open for all kids!

- → Little Ones I (ages 1.5–3)
  Toddlers' Room Ground Floor
- → Little Ones II (ages 4–5) 4th Floor • GCF Ortigas
- → Growing Kids (ages 6–13) 4th Floor • GCF Ortigas

#### LIKE JESUS Youth Discipleship Class

SUN

Open to all youth who want to grow and learn to be like Jesus 9:30 AM • Room B124 (near the Chapel)

#### **CARELINK Discipleship Classes**

SUN

#### → How To Grow Class

Build a good foundation in your Christian life 12:00–2:00 PM • Room A303 Batch 2: June 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21 Register via **gcf.link/HowToGrow** 

#### Membership Class

Learn the importance of being a member of a local church 12:00–2:00 PM • Room B302-B303 Batch 2: June 30; July 7, 14, 21 Register via **gcf.link/Membership** 

#### Spiritual Gifts Class

Discover your spiritual gifts and how you can serve (One session only) July 28 12:00–3:00 PM • Room B302 Register via gcf.link/SpiritualGifts

#### **Heart in Art**



An exhibit for the benefit of Mercy Ministry and Operation Compassion Last day on March 31 3rd Level Veranda, Robinsons Galleria

## Good Health Goes Well with the Soul: Connect Agents' Day

SAT

April 6 (Saturday) • 8:00 AM 6/F Court and Youth Center, GCF Ortigas For all BPO employees, come in sports attire Register via **bit.ly/apr6agentsdayreg** 

#### Do you need someone to talk to?



If you need support or clarification on some issues, we are here to help. GCF ERCC Hotline: **0917 532 7794** 

#### Are you here for the first time?



We would love to connect with you after every Worship Service. Our pastors and team are excited to meet you!

Drop by Room BM07 at the Mezzanine Floor or reach out to us at **gcf.link/GCFWelcome** 

#### **Questions about GCF Ortigas?**





Want to join a Growth Group? Looking to apply for church membership? Curious about the various ministries?

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