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Resurrection Sunday Celebration

What the Resurrection Means

John 20:1–18

Pastor BJ Sebastian
Sermon Speaker

THAT'S MY KING



GCF Resurrection Sunday 2025

"RESURRECTION CHANT"
Janny Dizon
Chancel Choir, 4Word, Tapestry

"THE RISEN KING MEDLEY"
Chancel Choir and 4Word

TESTIMONY
Shana Magtibay

"EVERY MOVE I MAKE"
Praise Factory

"NANG PAGHARIAN MO"
Larrie Ilagan

WORSHIP THROUGH FELLOWSHIP

"SAPAGKAT ANG DIYOS AY PAG-IBIG"
Tagalog Praise Team

TESTIMONY
Elder Rey Ramos

"UP"
Crewcified

"BACK TO LIFE"
Johann Enriquez / Zeb Zuniga

TESTIMONY
Beth To

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

"JESUS, IT IS YOU"
4Word

"LORD AND FRIEND"
Harvest

TESTIMONY
Dr. Poyen and Luz Pine

"REDEEMER"
Sheena Lee Palad / Jessene Mariano
Hands of Praise

WORSHIP IN THE WORD

"THAT'S MY KING"
Cindy Camungao
Chancel Choir, 4Word, Harvest, Tapestry, Crewcified

BENEDICTION

"HALLELUJAH CHORUS"
Chancel Choir, 4Word, Harvest, Senior Choir

Resurrection Sunday Sermon

WHAT THE RESURRECTION MEANS

John 20:1–18



Speaker: Pastor BJ Sebastian

Introduction

- We have had a lot of preaching of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- But what I think we lack in most of our past reflections about the resurrection is a personal look at what the resurrection really means to Christians – to the first group of disciples then, and to us today.
  - A Second Chance, as it was for Peter
  - A Sure Faith, as it was for John
  - A Sinner's Hope, as it was for Mary Magdalene

1 A Second Chance, for Peter

- The resurrection to Peter was a chance to ask for Christ's forgiveness, and a second chance to do better for his Master.
- But just as the resurrection meant a second chance to Peter, it also represents a second chance for us.
- For many of us, the resurrection is a second chance, and I am sure, just as in the case of Peter, this second chance is all we need to shine for Christ.

2 A Sure Faith, for John

- John's response to the empty tomb is that of faith.
- Like John, we must regard ourselves nameless, and identifiable only as those whom Jesus loved.
- I believe that the impact of this on John is a strengthening of his faith in the Word of God, and consequently, a strengthening of his faith in Jesus – who He is, His teachings, His promises.
- The resurrection should have the same effect on us, as it did on John.

3 A Sinner's Hope, for Mary Magdalene

- We can learn profoundly from this simple and unabashed personal devotion of Mary to our Lord.
- We must learn from Mary Magdalene's devotion to Jesus and her constant desire to be in His presence. We will do well to follow her example.
- This is what the resurrection should mean to us also.
- It is not a cold theological fact; it is a personal reality.
- It is not a cold doctrine that we should just take in every Resurrection Sunday, but a stirring reality that should kick us out of our complacency as Christians and spur us onto a victorious and exciting Christian life.
- The resurrection is a sinner's certain hope.

Challenge

- What does the resurrection mean to you?
- Like Peter, it should be seen as A Second Chance – to be forgiven, and to do better for the Master.
- Like John, it should be evidence of A Sure Faith – a validation of the truth of God's Word and the certainty of His promises.
- Like Mary Magdalene, it should be treasured as A Sinner's Hope – a hope that is as certain as Christ is alive.

WORSHIP WITH US AT GCF ORTIGAS

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM English
10:30 AM English
Auditorium B

3:00 PM Filipino
5:30 PM English
Auditorium A

SATURDAYS

5:30 PM Traditional
Auditorium B

Livestream is available during the 10:30 AM and 3:00 PM Sunday Services. The recording of the Traditional Service will be streamed on Sundays at 5:30 PM.

KIDS on SUNDAYS

Kids L.I.F.E. Sunday School (Resumes on Apr 27)
8:00 AM Ages 2–6 and 7–13 • 4th Floor
10:30 AM Ages 1.5–3 • Toddlers' Center
Ages 4–13 • 4th Floor
3:00 PM & 5:30 PM Ages 3–5 • Toddlers' Center
Ages 6–13 • 4th Floor

YOUTH on SATURDAYS

4:00 PM **YouthL.I.V.E. Discipleship Gathering** (Resumes on Apr 26)
For ages 13 to 20 • Fellowship Hall

YOUNG ADULTS on FRIDAYS

7:00 PM **YA Fridays** (Resumes on Apr 25)
For ages 20s to 40s • Fellowship Hall

BIBLE STUDY on SUNDAYS

9:30 AM **Sunday Bible School (SBS)** (Resumes on Apr 27)
Open to all • GCF Chapel

9:30 AM & 4:30 PM **"Like Jesus" Youth Bible Study** (Resumes on Apr 27)
For all high school students • Room B124

9:30 AM **Men's Growth Group Express** (Resumes on Apr 27)
Open to all men • Room A107a

PRAYER HOUR on THURSDAYS

8:00 PM **GCF Family's Hour of Prayer** (Resumes on Apr 24)
Open to all • GCF Chapel and Zoom

OUTREACH on WEDNESDAYS

5:30 PM **Ortigas Community Outreach** (Resumes on Apr 23)
Open to all • Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM **Ortigas Community Worship** (Resumes on Apr 23)
Open to all • GCF Chapel

TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

Share this with your friends and family who need to know Christ!

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.

"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.

"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."

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT GCF ORTIGAS

QUESTIONS ABOUT GCF ORTIGAS?

Want to join a Growth Group? Looking to apply for church membership? Curious about the various ministries? Visit the new INFO HUB at the Lobby.

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**

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

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

Shaking Hands with Pain and Suffering

Apr 26
Saturday

9:00 AM – 12:00 NN
Fellowship Hall
Register via **gcf.link/ShakingHands**

InterMission

Apr 26
Saturday

1:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Fellowship Hall
Theme: Hawaiian, Tropical, Summer
Register via **gcf.link/InterMission**

Couples Retreat 2025: Safeguarding Your Marriage

May 1–3
Thursday
to Saturday

Hotel Kimberly Tagaytay
Speakers: Atty. Winnie and Maloi Salumbides
Registration Fee: Php 6,000 per couple
Register via **gcf.link/CouplesRetreat**

Spiritual Gifts Class

May 4
Sunday

12:00 – 3:00 PM
Room B302
Register at **gcf.link/SpiritualGifts**

Youth Retreat 2025

June 9–11
Monday to
Wednesday

Rizal Re-Creation Center, Laguna
For high school students
Registration Fee: Php 2,500
Register via **gcf.link/YouthRetreat**

Men's Retreat 2025

June 12–14
Thursday
to Saturday

Theme: Men After God's Own Heart
Hotel Seoul, Clark, Pampanga
For all men (18 years old and above)
Registration Fee: Php 3,000
Register via **gcf.link/MensRetreat**

Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS)

June 23–28
Monday
to Saturday

GCF Ortigas
For kids ages 4–12

THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



Pastor BJ Sebastian
Senior Ministry Director, Disciple-Making Ministry

The Resurrection Means New Life

Happy Resurrection Day to all!

There are many things we need to be thankful for in GCF as we celebrate Resurrection Sunday, not the least of which is the great joy we all have in our hearts that because our Lord was risen from the dead, we too shall rise with resurrection power to be with Him in glory forever (1 Corinthians 15:54-58). This hope moves us to *"be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."* This makes the reality of the resurrection not just a future thing, but also a present reality. We have been born again by *"through the living and abiding word of God"* (1 Peter 1:23). We literally walk *"in newness of life"* (Romans 6:4).

As a church, there are a lot of "new" things happening which we need to be thankful for. We have welcomed a lot of new members into our church family. We are seeing many new visitors stand up in all of our worship services. We have been given the great privilege of sharing the gospel with a steady stream of new walk-in visitors in our Ortigas Community Outreach, our Sports outreach and our other Oikos evangelism initiatives. We have a **Couple's Retreat** coming up on May 1–3. Our **Youth Retreat** also returns to our calendar and will be held on June 9–11. Our **Men's Retreat** is also taking place on June 12–14. All these are signs of the Lord's resurrection life coursing through the blood vessels of our church which we should constantly be thankful for.

"Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." (Hebrews 13:20–21) ■

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