

Resurrection Witnessed!

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What Do the Witnesses of the Resurrection Tell Us?

1. The resurrection of Jesus is an undeniable **fact**.
 - a. Based on the **multitude** of witnesses.

 - b. Based on the **commitment** of those who claimed Jesus rose from the dead.

2. The resurrection of Jesus is absolutely **central** to the Gospel message.
 - a. God left witnesses of the resurrection to **establish** it as critical to the Gospel message.

 - b. *The central message of the Gospel of hope **depends** on the resurrection.*
 - i. *Believers are **spiritually** raised with Christ.*

 - ii. Believers will be **physically** raised from the dead.

How does this resurrection hope change us?

1. This resurrection hope **motivates** us to live a life of **sacrifice**.

Walkout Question: If I really believe that the resurrection of Jesus is true, then what am I holding on to that I know I need to surrender to Jesus?

Questions

1. In your opinion, what is the most compelling piece of evidence for the resurrection of Jesus based on the testimony of these witnesses?
2. How does the resurrection teach us that the Gospel is worth every sacrifice we are called to make as Christians?
3. What are some practical sacrifices that we are called to make as Christians?
4. What are some possible temporary things Christians struggle to surrender for the sake of the Gospel?
5. What are you holding onto that YOU need to surrender to Jesus?

Next Steps: March Reading Plan (Week 4)

Day One: Psalm 51

Day Two: 2 Sam. 24; Psalm 24

Day Three: Psalm 1; 19

Day Four: Psalm 103; 119:1-48

Day Five: Psalm 119:49-128

Discipleship Tip:

Big changes happen through small steps consistently practiced over time. Discipline is a fitting root word for discipleship. Growing in your faith demands the faithful and consist practice of spiritual disciplines.

March Scripture Memory:

5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 8:14-17 (ESV)

What was your big take-a-way from the message this morning?