

The Resurrection

HE IS ALIVE

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Our topic intones the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and the Victory of the Cross. And though we cannot hope to exhaust it today, we shall preview this under 4 brief but incisive headings.

First, let us note that the authority of Satan (Jn.3⁸⁻¹⁰) was Sin¹ and the power of sin (Rom.5^{12-14, 20-21}) was the Law, enhanced by the weak human flesh (Rom.7¹⁻²⁵; 8:1-14); and the servant of them all is Death. Jn.x.10; viii.44; Rom.v.21; vi.23; Heb.x.28

1Jn.3:8-10

Thus the empty tomb is our verdict!

The resurrection is the power of Christianity. It is the differential between her and other religions. Every other religious leader died and suffered corruption but Christ as the Savior and Son of God was crucified, dead, but rose in power. The sinless Son of God was the victory over Satan and death. No man in history has ever suffered resurrection and none can except at His coming. Ac.17:24-31; 1Cor.15:11-23

A. The Cross gave a rude shock to Satan!

- It frustrated his aphorism Jb.ii.3-6 cf.Matt.xvi.21-25; Jn.xii.24.
- and destroyed his authority. 1Cor.ii.1-8; Heb ii.13-15.
- Hence Paul's boldness' and challenge to the Devil: 1Cor.xv.48-58.
- And the Master's response with Matt.xxviii.9, 18-20.

B The Cross was an embarrassment to this world system.

How can they accept the fact that a common Carpenter from Galilee who was crucified on an infamous Roman Cross: weak and impotent and buried in a borrowed tomb, attended only by insignificant women; and a handful of fearful and timid men whose chief among them (Peter) could not bear the accusations of a maid but denied him thrice before the herald of dawn by a cockcrow, is alive just 3 days after His humiliation?

And that the mere mention of the Name of Jesus brought healing to a lame man who had been with them all his life! (Ac.4: 14-18)

All these after they had attempted to repudiate the resurrection
Matt.xxvii.57-66

What about the boldness of this poor, untutored fisherman, Peter who some weeks before, had denied this JESUS, and shriveled at the rebuke

of a maid? Who now declares that this same JESUS is both the Savior of the world and the Lord Judge who will judge both the quick and the dead and whose verdict will determine the final destination of the present evil world? **Hence 1Cor.i.18-25**

What about the teaming majority who are daily expressing faith in Him and finding the joy of forgiveness of sin?

These and others; were facts which cannot be denied, but which must be stopped from spreading! Hear them (Ac.iv.16-18)!

This same reason is the case which water baptism makes today, a reminder to this world system that it has been judged and will soon pass away with its fashions (1Cor.vii.31)

BUT JESUS REIGNS! Mk.xvi16; Therefore, 1Jn.ii.15-17

In Romans, Paul still declares to the world that the Gospel is bringing forth fruits Rom.i.1-17.

C. The Cross broke the tyranny /power of sin!

Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin .And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.Jn.8:34, 35.

1Jn.iii.8, 9; Heb.v.8, 9; Rom.vi.11-14; 1Pet .iv.1-7

For this is what is written .Lu.xxiv.46-49.

D. The Cross dealt a crushing blow to Adamic nature and destroyed the seed of rebellion in man.

“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world” Gal.6:14.

(Gal.ii.20), Lu.xiv.25-27; Jn.xiii.1-15; Rom .viii.5-8, 12, 13

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh , justified in the Spirit, seen of the Angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory .(1Tim.3:16)

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