

The Resurrection of Our Lord
Three Words of Truth

Sermon Road Map
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2 Timothy 2:8
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Remember Jesus Christ: He Has Risen!

- This day is a unique remembrance! All other remembrances gather at a grave or monument and remember those who died and are still dead.
- Today we remember the **Three Words of Truth** that turned the world upside down - or rather, right side up. **He has risen!** Who? Jesus!
- Luke records the women's transition from confusion to conclusion
 - ♦ Disoriented by the open tomb and the absence of Jesus' corpse
 - ♦ Startled/terrified by the sudden appearance of 2 men/angels
 - ♦ Their message - referring to Jesus: *the living... he has risen!*
 - ♦ Remember how he told you... 'The Son of Man must ...be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' Then they remembered his words.
 - ♦ Life experience got in the way of the word - which put it all together.
 - ♦ This once in all time extraordinary event is most **memorable**.
- You'd think you'd never forget, but you will if you don't work at it.
 - ♦ Parents want to remember every precious moment, but... pictures help
 - ♦ Courtship and the wedding - we need pictures to fully remember
 - ♦ Memory research: what you remember morphs each time you bring it up
 - Accurate memory requires objective unchanging accounts: Gospels
 - Our annual refresher: this Sunday and the Easter season - remember!

Paul's dying words - last letter before martyred: **Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel,...** 2 Timothy 2:8

- Another **Three Words of Truth: Remember Jesus Christ.**
 - ♦ We want to remember, so we annually renew our **life of remembering**

❖ **Remember Jesus**

- What's in a name? The individual's reputation - history - life - personal ID
- ...give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.
- Jesus = Joshua = Yahweh saves/rescues/delivers - the promised Savior
- Jesus saved us: lived and died as our substitute. Obeyed God perfectly for us, then suffered on the cross to fully pay every ounce of our guilt
- *It was a strange and dreadful strife When life and death contended* (720:4)
 - ♦ The battle Jesus fought **for us** against Satan - incomprehensible!
 - ♦ Crucifixion was not Jesus' main pain. He suffered *eternity in hell* for us.
- It continues: *The victory remained with life; The reign of death was ended.*
 - ♦ Jesus declared victory when he proclaimed: **It is finished! Paid in full!**
 - ♦ Sin is the cause of death. Jesus dealt our sin and death - the death blow!

❖ **Remember Jesus Christ**

- Christ is a title - a job description: *the Anointed One* - God's Chosen One
- The One God promised to send to:
 - ♦ reveal God's full message in Jesus' words and actions;
 - ♦ be our mediator: intercede for us - sacrificing himself & pleading for us;
 - ♦ be our Champion and Hero King. Conquer our enemies to keep us safe

❖ **Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead,**

- Jesus alone has defeated death. He entered its realm then rose triumphant.
- Jesus exclusively defeated the universal *problem of death*
 - ♦ No other religion even thinks of claiming a bodily resurrection.
 - ♦ A radio report of an Atheist Club in a school. Youthful enthusiasm...
 - Until the reporter asked: *What about death?* The room went silent.
 - *Yes - I have a hard time imagining that I will go out of existence.*
 - ♦ **Death is not our end.** Soul returns to God for permanent assignment.
 - Those who live in Jesus now - forever dwell with him forever.
 - Those who have no time for Jesus - dwell separate from God forever.
 - ♦ The fear of death comes from *the unknown* and *fear of accountability*
 - Since Jesus paid our debt and rose to give us life, the sting is removed!

❖ **Remember Jesus Christ, ...descended from David.**

- What's to remember here? Why remember *descended from David*?
- Jesus' credentials to be the Forever King Yahweh promised - the Messiah
 - ♦ The Christ who crushed our enemies. They can never ever win!
- *Descended from David* = fully human
 - ♦ He knows what we're going through - 33 years *sandals on the ground*
 - ♦ His resurrection is the resurrection of a human body - just like ours.
 - ♦ His bodily resurrection shows us what will happen to us on the Last Day.
 - ♦ All our aging, frailty, aches, pains, weakness, loss - decay, gone forever!
 - As youthful vigor is diminished *the resurrection looks better & better*
 - Not a fantasy or myth! **Reality** based on the **truth: he has risen** for us.
- Jesus' resurrection replaces the *shroud of death* - with a *blanket of life*.
 - ♦ Pack Easter away for a year, the shroud of sin/death encroaches
 - ♦ Those who are daily revitalized in the good news of Jesus' resurrection - actively follow Paul's instruction: *Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel,...*
 - ♦ Since your baptism connected you to Jesus and his resurrection - daily remember that your baptism blankets your life: *I too am risen in Christ!*
 - The sign of the Cross, a memory aid - I rose with the Risen One!
 - Consider memorizing today's Baptismal Hymn (words of truth) so you:

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