

Making Christ's Resurrection Personal

Matthew 27:45-28:8

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Introduction:

- What you believe about Jesus is of great personal importance to every living person on this earth.
 - What you believe about Jesus will determine your eternal destiny.
 - What you believe about Jesus' work on the cross, His death, burial, and resurrection is of vital personal importance.
1. Why Was Jesus Crucified? Because He Was Suffering Our Sins! (Matthew 27:27-44)
 - a. Jesus had no sins of His own.
 - i. 27:24 "I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it."
 - ii. 24:3 "I find no fault in this man."
 - b. Jesus was suffering as a condemned Man for our sins.
 - i. Isa. 53:4-6 "Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid upon him the iniquity of us all."
 - ii. John 3:18 "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."
 - c. We are sinners.
 - i. Romans 3:23 "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."
 - ii. Isaiah 64:6 "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."
 - iii. Ecclesiastes 7:20 "There is not a just man upon the earth that doeth good and sinneth not."
 - d. Jesus willingly suffered the full punishment for our sins (34).
 2. Why Was Jesus Forsaken by God? Because He Was Bearing Our Separation from God! (Matthew 27:45-46)
 - a. Why would God forsake His Son in His hour of need, when Jesus was doing the will of God?
 - i. Matthew 26:39 "And he went a little further and fell on his face, and prayed saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless **not as I will, but as thou wilt.**"
 - ii. John 3:16 "For **God** so loved the world that **He gave** His only begotten Son..."
 - b. The Penalty for Sin is Death, eternal separation from God.
 - i. Gen. 2:17 "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt **surely die.**"
 - ii. Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is **death...**"
 - iii. Revelation 21:8 "...and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the **second death.**"
 - iv. Matthew 25:41, 46 "everlasting fire" "everlasting punishment"
 - c. The Penalty for Sin is Not Good Works!
 - i. Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works lest any man should boast."
 - ii. Titus 3:5 "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost!"
 - d. We are already dead in Sins.
 - i. Ephesians 2:1 "dead in trespasses and sins."
 - ii. Ephesians 4:18 "Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:"
 - iii. John 3:3 "Verily...I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
 - iv. Our need is to be born again, spiritually into God's family!
 - e. Jesus suffered infinite separation from God on our behalf!

3. Why Did Jesus Rise Again? Because His Payment for Our Sins Is Complete! (Matthew 27:48-51)
 - a. Jesus cried out, "It is finished" (48-50; cf. John 19:30a).
 - i. Hebrews 10:10-18 "one sacrifice" "Once for all" "Forever"
 - b. The veil of the temple was rent in two; we have access to the throne of God (51; cf. Heb. 10:19-22).
 - c. Jesus rose from the dead, proving His work was accomplished (Matthew 28:1-7).
 - d. Jesus fulfilled His promise (John 11:25-26 "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?")

Conclusion:

1. Are you willing to personalize the resurrection by trusting Jesus?
 - a. You must admit you are dead in sins and separated from a holy God, destined for hell.
 - b. You must admit that you have no hope of saving yourself by your good works and religion.
 - c. You must believe that Jesus has done all that is necessary to pay for your sins and purchase your eternal life.
 - d. You must simply choose to trust Jesus rather than trusting yourself!
 - e. If you trusted Christ as your Savior, please see me after the service so that I can give you some helpful information that will help you in your new life with Christ!
2. Are you willing to personalize the resurrection by proclaiming Jesus!
 - a. Will you commit to telling someone about Jesus this week?