

Title: **"The Practical Reality of Jesus' Resurrection!"**

Scripture Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 58; 2 Corinthians 5:1-21

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Introduction: Romans 15:4

THESIS: The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not just a Historical event; it is a Practical reality for today, tomorrow and forever!

We must ask ourselves "What is the Practical Reality of Jesus' Resurrection?" in my day to day life and living?

I. The Practical Reality of Jesus' Resurrection: There is L_____ after Death and A_____ before God and Jesus is the Judge!

1 Corinthians 15:1-26 [3-4, 12-22]; 2 Corinthians 5:1-11

Jesus' tomb is empty! What conclusions must we draw from that?

Hebrews 9:27; Matthew 22:23, 29-33; Luke 20:37-39

Death is a result of sin – Jesus conquered sin and death – His resurrection stands as a testimony to Jesus' power over death and sin and life after death!

Romans 1:4

This world is not just the material world – there is the spiritual as well as the natural world – evolution is not true – Adam was the first man created by God – who sinned and died as a result – and we likewise – but Jesus the Creator of all life became man – did not sin – died and rose again to offer forgiveness of sin and life eternal!

2 Corinthians 5:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Revelation 1:17-19; John 3:16, 36; Acts 17:30-31

Matthew 25:46; John 5:25-29; Revelation 14:11-12; 20:10

II. The Practical Reality of Jesus' Resurrection: Transformation - We are W_____ of His Life in Us and have Purpose – Hope and P_____ for Living and Dying! **1 Corinthians 15:1-2, 10-20, 58; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21**

2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Romans 8:11; Acts 1:3, 8

Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Philippians 3:20-21

Colossians 3:23-24; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 2:1-10

Romans 6:1-13; Hebrews 7:25

III. The Practical Reality of Jesus' Resurrection: Jesus the Conqueror of D_____ is with Us in all of Life, D_____ and E_____!

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 51-57

2 Peter 3:18

Read the 23rd Psalm – What stands out about the Shepherd in every aspect of life – death and life after death?

Psalms 23:6; Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 8:31-39

Hebrews 13:5-6 ; Isaiah 41:10; Psalm 139:1-16

APPLICATION:

Are you walking in the Reality of Jesus' Resurrection that there is Life after Death and Accountability before God!

Are you living for Him? Are you certain of your eternal destination?

Are you walking in the Reality of Jesus' Resurrection because of His transforming life in you - You are His Witness with Purpose – Hope and Power for Living and Dying!

Are you walking in the Reality of Jesus' Resurrection knowing that Jesus as the Conqueror of Death is with Us in all of Life, Death and Eternity!

1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 58

1 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.

2 **By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.**

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 **that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,**

5 and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.

6 **After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.**

7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,

8 **and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.**

9 For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 **But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them — yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.**

11 Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

12 **But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?**

13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

14 **And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.**

15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.

16 **For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.**

17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

18 **Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.**

19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

20 **But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

22 **For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.**

23 But each in his own turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

24 **The end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.**

25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

26 **The last enemy to be destroyed is death.**

58 Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. NIV

