

Why do you think Jesus' followers were so slow to understand that He was risen, especially since He told them He would do so? (5-8, 11, 25-26) What does this say about the importance of learning and believing His Word, especially His promises, in our daily lives?

What promise of Scripture have you seen fulfilled in your life?

What final instructions and message did Jesus give His followers? What did He promise to give them to help them do what He asked? Is this available to us?

REFLECT

"The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as He raised Christ from the dead, He will give life to your mortal body by this same Spirit living in you." How fully do I live out this reality? What fears or self-imposed limits can I discard because Jesus is risen?

RESPOND

Write down one thing you will do this week to demonstrate that Jesus is raised from the dead and that you live with Him now and forever. Share these, and pray for each other to live in the freedom and power and hope of Easter.

for further reading:
This sermon series is inspired by John Piper's book, The Passion of Jesus Christ (Crossway Books, 2004)



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CONQUERING DEATH



15 REASONS WHY JESUS CHOSE TO DIE.

Jesus the Crucified One is also Jesus the Conquering One.

2 Timothy 1:10
...our Savior, Christ Jesus, Who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us at Outlook's Good Friday Service this Friday at 7:00pm.

+SO HE COULD RISE FROM THE DEAD

1 Corinthians 15:17-26 (NLT)
And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died ... For Christ must reign until He humbles all His enemies beneath his feet. And the last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Romans 6:9
For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him.



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Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

He went to where we all must go: to death; and did what none of us can do: rise again.

+ TO FREE US FROM THE FEAR OF DEATH

Hebrews 2:14-15

Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Philippians 1:21-23

To live is Christ, and to die is gain ... I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

John Piper
The fear of death enslaves. It makes us timid and dull. Jesus died to set us free. When the fear of death is destroyed by an act of self-sacrificing love, the bondage to boring, bigheaded self-preservation is broken. We are freed to love like Christ, even at the cost of our lives.

+ TO GIVE ETERNAL LIFE TO ALL WHO BELIEVE ON HIM

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1 Thessalonians 5:10

He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him.

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

The Resurrection of Jesus

LIFE GROUP STUDY

RELATE

How did you first become aware of death?

If you received immunity to death and aging starting today, how would you live differently?

What principle, insight, or quote from this sermon was most meaningful to you?

READ

Luke 24

When you have difficulties or disappointments, how do you typically respond?

How many times, where, and to whom, did Jesus appear to people after his resurrection in Luke's account?

Do the initial grief, doubt and surprise of Jesus' followers support the authenticity of His resurrection? How would you explain that to someone?

What can we determine about Jesus' appearance and physical nature based on what He did and how his followers reacted to him? (15-16; 30-31; 36; 41-42; 51)

What did Jesus do to prove to the disciples that He was not a ghost, but was physically risen? How has Jesus proved Himself to you when you doubted?