

# He is Risen!

Read together Matthew 28:1-10

[additional reading Mt 27:45-65]

## The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is:

- the central organizing \_\_\_\_\_ of human history.
- a demonstration of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ over death.

## The Resurrection is more than ....

- More than a historical fact
- More than a doctrine to affirm.

## Promises and Demands

(Scripture is New Living Translation unless otherwise noted.)

### Promises - Hope of Life

“But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of a great \_\_\_\_\_ of all who have died.” *1 Corinthians 15:20*

For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will \_\_\_\_\_ with him the believers who have died. *1 Thessalonians 4:14*

### Promises - Identity

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ \_\_\_\_\_ in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. *Galatians 2:20*

### Promises - Dead to Sin

Since we have been \_\_\_\_\_ with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set \_\_\_\_\_ from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. *Romans 6:5-8*

He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be \_\_\_\_\_ to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed. *1 Peter 2:24*

**Promise - Inheritance**

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. *Ephesians 1:19,20*

For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. So God can \_\_\_\_\_ to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. *Ephesians 2:6,7*

**Demands - Calling and Message**

So when we \_\_\_\_\_ that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense. *1 Corinthians 1:23*

For I decided to know \_\_\_\_\_ among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. *1 Corinthians 2:2*

**Demands - Worthy of Christ**

If you \_\_\_\_\_ to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it. *Matthew 10:38*

**Demands - Crucified with Christ**

But far be it from me to boast except in the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. *Galatians 6:14*

**Demand - Filling Up**

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am \_\_\_\_\_ up what is \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, *Colossians 1:24 ESV*

For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must \_\_\_\_\_ in his steps. *1 Peter 2:21*

***Application Points / Questions***

What things are easy for you to obey because they play to your strengths?

Do you enjoy the promises of salvation, but ignore the demands of following Christ?

Do you, like the disciples, misunderstand His commands?

How do you evade suffering?

Does this statement offend you?

**Jesus saved you, not to make you comfortable here on earth, but to use your suffering to build His kingdom.**

What would it take for you to rejoice in your sufferings?

***Communion / Special Music***

Answer key: fact, victory, first, harvest, bring, back, lives, united, free, dead, same, point, preach, nothing, refuse, cross, filling, lacking, follow

## *Closing Music Special*

*Rise heart; thy Lord is risen.*

*Sing his praise Without delays,*

*Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise With him mayst rise:*

*That, as his death calcined thee to dust, His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.*

*Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part With all thy art.*

*The cross taught all wood to resound his name, Who bore the same.*

*His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key Is best to celebrate this most high day.*

*Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song Pleasant and long:*

*Or, since all music is but three parts vied And multiplied, O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,*

*And make up our defects with his sweet art.*

This hymn has a long pedigree. It was originally published in 1633 in *The Temple* by George Herbert.