

THE RESURRECTION AND ITS EFFECTS FORETOLD JOHN 16:16–33

Introduction

This is one of the great passages on the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and it is one of the most glorious passages in all of Scripture. It is one of those passages that lays out more than man could ever imagine. Jesus revealed and proclaimed the resurrection and its effects upon the world.

- I. The resurrection perplexes people (vv. 16-19).
- II. The resurrection brings joy — irrepressible joy (vv. 20-22).
- III. The resurrection gives open access into God’s presence (vv. 23-24).
- IV. The resurrection reveals all about the Father (vv. 25- 27).
- V. The resurrection validates the Messiahship of Jesus (v. 28).
- VI. The resurrection exposes weak faith (vv. 29-32).
- VII. The resurrection makes true peace available (v. 33).

I. *John 16:16–19 Prediction of Jesus’ Resurrection*

The resurrection of Jesus Christ perplexes people. Jesus predicted His death and resurrection.

=> His death: “In a little while, you will see me no more.”

=> His resurrection: “And then after a little while you will see me.”

The prediction puzzled the disciples, and they began to ask among themselves what Jesus meant (v. 18). Jesus knew that they were puzzled and asked them about their perplexity, wishing to help them (v. 19).

Note Jesus’ claim: “I am going to the Father.” He was not going to remain dead. He was going to arise and ascend to the Father. This was a picture of both the resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

Now note: Jesus had just said He was going to His “Father’s *house*.” (Jn. 14:2). Now He says that He was going to “the *Father*” of the house. His destination was not so much the house, as glorious as the house is, but the Father Himself. The house without the Father would not be *home*; it would not be heaven.

This says something of vital importance to the believer. The believer’s primary objective is to go to the Father Himself, not to heaven, not to a place. The believer’s aim is to live in the *Father’s presence* forever.

Thought 1. The resurrection does puzzle and perplex people; it always has and always will. People are puzzled by both the resurrection of Jesus and the coming resurrection of all men at the end of the world.

- 1) Some outrightly deny the resurrection, saying such is beyond human experience and could not possibly happen (an atheistic position).
- 2) Some say the resurrection may be, but it also may not be. Man has never known anything like it other than what Christians and a few others say about Jesus. But that happened so long ago that it cannot be scientifically proven; therefore, there is no way to know if it is true (an agnostic position).
- 3) Some say that the resurrection can be and that Jesus probably did arise but that it is a meaningless puzzle for *today*: “I will worry about its meaning tomorrow. I have no time to get involved and wrapped up in what it means, not now. Perhaps I will need to sit down and find out its meaning later, but right now other things are pressing and more important.”

Rom 10:3 *Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness.*

Eph 4:18 *They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.*

1 Pet 1:13-15 *Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do.*

II. John 16:20–22 The Resurrection Brings Great Joy

The resurrection brings irrepressible joy. Note four points.

1. Jesus said there was to be grief at first. He would be going away and leaving the disciples by sacrificing Himself for the world. They would “weep” and “mourn” and experience deep grief. Their hopes would seem to be dashed upon the rocks of man’s ultimate enemy: death.

Psa 42:6 *My God. My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon — from Mount Mizar.*

Psa 69:2 *I sink in the miry depths, where there is no foothold. I have come into the deep waters; the floods engulf me.*

Psa 73:2 *But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold.*

Psa 73:16 *When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me.*

Isa 49:14 *But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me.”*

Note: Jesus said the world would rejoice at His death. Why? Because death would prove that He was not the Son of God; it would prove that He was only a self-proclaimed Saviour who was now dead. Death would prove Him false. And being dead, His demands would not be binding; they would be meaningless. Men would not have to do what He said: deny themselves and give all they were and had to Him. They would not have to go and give all they had to meet the desperate needs of a lost world.

Luke 19:14 “*But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, ‘We don’t want this man to be our king.’*”

John 12:25 “*The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.*”

2. After grief there was to be irrepressible joy. Jesus said that He would arise, and His resurrection would cause His followers to burst forth with joy.

His resurrection meant that death was conquered. Men no longer had to die, no longer had to be condemned for sin. They could be delivered from sin and death by following Jesus (See *Jesus Christ, Cross*, Jn. 12:32).

Thought 1. This joy is the answer to the weeping and mourning over death. The great source of joy is the glorious news of the resurrection, the absolute knowledge and certainty that Jesus Christ is risen.

3. Jesus gave a good illustration of the violent contrast between the sorrow over death and the joy of the resurrection. The illustration describes a woman’s pain in giving birth. She suffers so much that she literally groans and grasps in desperation for the new life to begin. Once the child is born, the sorrow and pain are all forgotten for a new life has emerged.
4. The resurrection brings irrepressible joy just as a newborn baby brings joy to a woman in pain. Two things cause the joy.
 - a. The resurrection and presence of Jesus Himself brings great joy. Just think: Jesus is not dead. His body has not decayed in a grave: He has arisen. He emerged from the grave and ascended to the Father. There is victory over the grave, triumph over death. Man can now live forever. No truth could fill a man with any more joy and rejoicing than *really knowing* that death has been conquered in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1 Pet 3:18 *For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.*

- b. The believer’s joy of *really knowing* the resurrection of Jesus Christ cannot be taken away by any man. The fact is there: Jesus did die for man’s sins and arise again to give man a new life — a life that is both abundant and eternal. The believer knows it. His joy is permanent, deep-seated and unmovable. When the trials and grief of earth come upon him, he still...

- knows the joy of the Lord's presence and care

John 14:16-18 *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”*

John 16:7 *“But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.”*

- knows that Christ will escort Him into the Father's presence eternally

John 14:3 *“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”*

2 Cor 5:8 *We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.*

Phil 1:23 *I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far.*

2 Tim 4:18 *The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

- knows that he will be a child of the new heavens and earth to be created for the Father's family

Rom 8:16-17 *The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

2 Pet 3:13 *But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.*

Rev 21:1 *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.*

JOHN 12:32 JESUS CHRIST, LIFTED UP ON THE CROSS

“But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.”

John 12:32

The words “lifted up” refer to the cross of Christ, to His death upon the cross. Jesus said that once He is “lifted up,” He will draw all men to Himself. Note two points.

1. Note why the cross of Christ attracts men. It was the cross...
 - that delivered men from sin, death and hell.
 - that made it possible for men to live abundantly and eternally.

- that gave to men the presence and power of God’s Spirit to guide and care for them day by day.

2. Note how the cross of Christ gives so much to man. Very simply stated, Jesus died *for man* on the cross. When a man believes that Jesus died *for him*, God takes that man’s belief and *counts* it as righteousness. God simply *counts* the man as perfect. The man is *not* righteous, nowhere close to perfect. The man, God, and everyone else knows he is not perfect. But the man honours God’s Son by believing in Him; therefore, God honours the man.

The point to see is that God will do anything for the person who truly honours His Son. God loves His Son so much that He is willing to do anything for anyone who honours Jesus. If a man honours Jesus by believing and following Jesus, God will take that man’s faith and...

- count his faith as righteousness
- deliver him from sin and from death
- give him both abundant and eternal life (Jn. 10:10)
- place the Holy Spirit and His power within the man to help him live day by day (1 Cor. 6:19-20; Rom. 8:1-39; Gal. 5:22-23).

The point is this: it is the cross of Christ that breaks the power of Satan in the world. It is the cross of Christ that “drives out” Satan: his power, his rule and his reign. Man, by believing that Christ died for him, can now be counted righteous and delivered from the power of Satan, from the evil power that entices him to sin and that causes him to die and face the judgment of God. Man can now know the power of God, the power that freely forgives him and gives him life forever. Man can now experience the marvelous grace of God. □

III. *John 16:23–24 Open Access to God’s Presence*

The resurrection gives open access into God’s presence. Note two facts.

1. The glorious promise: an *open door* into God’s presence. Jesus said “in that day,” after His resurrection, there will be no need to ask Him anything. (This does not mean, of course, that we cannot ask Him, only that we do not have to ask Him.) The believer can walk right into the Father’s presence. There is an *open door* into His presence. Whatever the believer asks the Father in Jesus’ name, He will give it to the believer. This is the most glorious of promises, that we can approach God as our Father just as a child approaches his earthly father.
2. The institution of prayer — of our approach to God, of our communion with Him — *in Jesus’ name*. This is the crucial point. Our approach to the Father, our prayer, must be *in Jesus’ name*. (See *Prayer In Jesus’ Name*, Jn. 14:13-14.) Before Jesus, men had always

asked God for things directly, but no more. The resurrection instituted a new and living way into God's presence. Men must now approach God through Jesus Christ...

- believing that the righteousness of Jesus covers them
- asking God to accept their faith *in* Jesus as righteousness
- thanking God for Jesus, His great love and sacrifice for them

2 Cor 5:21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

John 14:13 *“And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.”*

John 15:16 *“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.”*

Heb 10:19-22 *Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.*

Note two tremendous promises to the man who asks *in Jesus' name*.

=> He will receive what he asks.

John 15:7 *“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.”*

=> His joy is full and complete (see *Joy*, Jn. 15:11).

John 15:11 *“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”*

Rom 14:17 *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

1 Pet 1:8 *Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.*

JOHN 14:13–14 PRAYER IN JESUS' NAME

“And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.” **John 14:13-14**

This is one of the most wonderful promises in all the Bible. God hears the prayers of the dear believer. Note three points.

1. The only prayers heard and answered are those asked “in Jesus’ name.” What does it mean to pray “in Jesus’ name”? It means two things.

a. The believer prays knowing that...

- the only acceptance to God is in Jesus. God hears the believer only because Jesus is acceptable to Him and the believer comes in the name of Jesus.
- the only Mediator between God and men is Jesus; therefore, the believer approaches God in the name of Jesus.
- the only Intercessor before God, the only Person asking God to accept man is Jesus.
- the only Person, the only name that is perfect enough to approach God is Jesus; therefore, the believer prays in the name of Jesus.

b. The believer seeks to glorify the name of Jesus only. To pray “in His name” means that the believer asks only those things that will...

- honour His name
- praise His name
- bring glory to His name
- lead to His name being lifted up

It means that the believer will ask nothing that would detract, lower, or lead away from His name.

John 15:16 “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.”

John 16:23-24 “In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.”

2. Note why Jesus answers the prayers of the believer. His purpose is to glorify God. When Jesus answers prayer, not only is the Father glorified, but so is Jesus. The power and wisdom, love and care shown in answered prayer are of God through the name of Jesus. Therefore, when the believer prays and receives what he asked for...

- his attention is upon both the Father and the Son.
- his praise and thanksgiving are heaped upon both the Father and the Son.
- his loyalty and surrender to both the Father and the Son are deeper and more mature.

Col 1:12-14 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the

dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1 Th 5:18 *Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

2 Cor 3:18 *And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

Heb 13:15 *Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that confess his name.*

1 Pet 2:9 *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

Psa 29:2 *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness.*

Psa 100:4 *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*

3. Jesus said that the believer is to pray to Him as well as to God. Jesus said, "You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." Jesus is claiming to be God, to have...

- the wisdom and knowledge,
- the power and ability,
- the love and care,
- the desire and willingness,

...to do anything. A phenomenal claim! Yet it is a reasonable claim for the Son of God.

John 14:10 *"Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work."*

Mat 21:22 *"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."*

John 14:13-14 *"And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."*

John 15:7 *"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you."*

1 John 5:14-15 *This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us — whatever we ask — we know that we have what we asked of him. □*

JOHN 15:11 JOY (CHARA)

“I told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” John 15:11

An inner gladness; a deep-seated pleasure. It is a depth of assurance and confidence that ignites a cheerful heart. It is a cheerful heart that leads to cheerful behaviour.

Several things need to be said about the believer's joy.

1. Joy is divine. It is possessed and given only by God. Its roots are not in earthly or material things or cheap triumphs. It is the joy of the Holy Spirit, a joy based in the Lord. It is His very own joy (Jn.15:11; Act. 13:52; Rom. 14:17; Gal. 5:22; 1 Th. 1:6).
2. Joy does not depend on circumstances or happiness. Happiness depends upon happenings, but the joy that God implants in the believer's heart overrides all, even the most troublesome matters of life and death (Psa. 5:11; 2 Cor. 6:10; 7:4).
3. Joy springs from faith (Rom. 15:13; Phil. 1:25; 2 Tim. 1:4; see Mt. 2:10).
4. Joy of future reward makes and keeps one faithful (Mt. 25:21, 23; Acts 20:24; Heb. 12:2).

The source of the believer's joy is several fold.

1. The fellowship of the Father and His Son brings joy (1 Jn. 1:3-4; Psa. 16:11).
2. Victory over sin, death, and hell brings joy (Jn. 14:28; 16:20-22; Isa. 12:3; 61:10).
3. Repentance brings joy (Lk.15:7, 10).
4. The hope of glory brings joy (Rom. 14:17; Heb. 12:2; 1 Pet. 4:13).
5. The Lord's Word, the revelations, commandments, and promises which He made bring joy (Jn. 15:11).
6. The commandments of Christ and the will of God bring joy. Obeying and doing a good job stirs joy within the believer's heart (Jn. 15:11, 32; 17:13; Act. 13:52; Jer. 15:16).
7. Prayer brings joy (Jn. 16:24).
8. The presence and fellowship of believers bring joy (1 Jn. 1:3-4).
9. Converts bring joy (Lk. 15:5; Phil. 4:1; 1 Th. 2:19-20; Psa. 126:5).
10. Hearing that others walk in the truth brings joy (3 Jn. 1:4).
11. Giving brings joy (2 Cor. 8:2; Heb. 10:34). □

IV. *John 16:25–27 Resurrection Reveals the Father*

The resurrection reveals all about the Father. Note three points.

1. Jesus said that the resurrection would show (declare) the Father plainly. It shows and declares God's nature...
 - of *compassion*: of caring for the welfare of those gripped by sin and death.
 - of *salvation*: of delivering men from the fear and bondage of sin and death.
 - of *power*; of omnipotence, of being able to plan and carry out the plan of salvation by overruling all and by raising the dead.
 - of *life*: possessing life itself and being able to infuse life into the dead.
 - of *justice*: not allowing One who was sinless and perfect to be held by death.
 - of *Omniscience*: knowing all, knowing the terrible injustice done to the innocent Son of God and knowing how to solve and work the whole scene out for the good of salvation.

1 Pet 1:3-4 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you.

2. It shows that the approach to God — prayer — is in the name of Jesus. (See *Prayer In Jesus' Name*, Jn. 14:13-14.)
3. It shows that the Father Himself loves the believer. Jesus said that He would not have to beg the Father to receive and hear the believer. He does not have to intercede or take the believer to God. The believer does not need an Intercessor to be received by the Father. The Father Himself loves the believer. However, there is a crucial point to note. The Father *loves* the believer for a reason: the believer...
 - loves Jesus. If a person loves Jesus, he *will* obey the commandments of Jesus. Obedience is not optional for believers. Jesus stated a simple fact that must be clearly understood: "If you love me you *will* obey what I command" (Jn. 14:15).

What does it mean to love Jesus? To love Jesus is not an emotional thing. It involves emotions, but it is not *based* upon emotions. To love Jesus is not a rational or mental commitment. Of course it involves the mind. To love Jesus is a matter of the heart and of the spirit: a matter of man's most vital part, man's innermost being, all that a man is. To love Jesus means that a man focuses his heart and affections and will (devotion) upon God by giving and receiving the love of God. It means that a man gives his *affection* and *will* (devotion), all he is and has, to Jesus Christ. It means he...

=> freely accepts Jesus

=> cherishes and attaches himself to Jesus

=> sacrificially gives all he is and has to Jesus

=> commits all he is and has to serve Jesus and His cause

John 15:10, 14 *“If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. You are my friends if you do what I command.”*

1 John 2:3 *We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands.*

- believes that Jesus “came from God” (See *Jesus Christ, From Above*, Jn.3:31).

Thought 1. It is because of Jesus that the Father receives and hears the believer. Note how this picture of God as Father differs radically from the normal picture...

- that God is angry and has to be begged by Jesus to receive and hear us.
- that God is far off someplace out in space — almost too far to be reached.
- that maybe God is and maybe He is not, but one needs to go ahead and pray just in case.

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.”*

Rom 5:8 *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Eph 2:4-5 *But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved.*

1 John 3:1 *“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”*

JOHN 03:31 JESUS CHRIST — “FROM ABOVE”

Jesus came *out of* (ek) the spiritual world into the physical world, out of the heavenly dimension of being into the earthly dimension of being. Jesus came out of...

- the incorruptible and imperishable world into the corruptible and perishable world.
- the glorious world into the dishonourable world.
- the powerful world into the weak world.
- the spiritual world into the natural world. (See 1 Cor. 15:42-44.)

John 3:13 *No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven — the Son of Man.*

John 6:33, 38 *“For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” “For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.”*

John 6:41-42 *At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I came down from heaven’?”*

John 6:50-51 *“But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”*

John 6:58 *“This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever.”*

John 6:62 *“What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!”*

John 8:23 *But he continued, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.”*

John 8:42 *Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me.”*

John 13:3 *Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God.*

John 16:30 *“Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.”*

John 17:5 *“And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.”*

1 Cor 15:47 *The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. □*

V. John 16:28 Resurrection Validates Jesus’ Messiahship

The resurrection validates and proves Jesus’ claim to be the Messiah. In one brief statement Jesus gave the whole plan of salvation.

1. “I came from the Father and entered the world” (see *God has Sent*, Jn.3:34; 7:16-19; 7:25-31).

John 7:29 *“But I know him because I am from him and he sent me.”*

John 8:42 *Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me.”*

John 10:36 *“What about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, ‘I am God’s Son’?”*

John 17:21 “That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

2. “I am leaving this world and going back to the Father.”

John 14:28 “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.”

John 16:16 “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

John 17:11 “I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name — the name you gave me — so that they may be one as we are one.”

Note Jesus’ phenomenal claim. He came from “the Father” and is returning to “the Father.”

Rom 1:4 *And who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.*

JOHN 03:34

JESUS CHRIST’S ORIGIN: “GOD HAS SENT”

Jesus is the Apostle of God. He is God’s Ambassador, God’s perfect Spokesman. It should be noted that God poured out His Spirit *without measure or limit* upon Jesus — the only apostle upon whom this was ever done. (See Jn.4:34; 5:23-24, 30, 36-37; 6:38-40, 44, 57; 7:16, 18; 8:16, 42; 9:4; 10:36; 11:42; 12:44-45, 49; 14:24; 15:21; 16:5; 17:3, 18, 21, 23, 25; 20:21.) □

VI. **John 16:29–32 Resurrection Exposes Weak Faith**

The resurrection exposes weak faith. Something Jesus said struck the disciples’ hearts. Just what it was is not really known. It may have been His promise to show them the Father (explain all that He was saying) or the fact that the Father loves them. Whatever it was, it caused the disciples to make a great declaration of faith:

=> “You know all things.”

=> “You came from God.”

Thought 1. Note that this confession is the *Incarnation*, God Himself in the person of His Son coming to earth. It is a critical confession that must be made by every man.

1 John 4:2-3 *This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.*

Jesus questioned their belief and predicted their desertion. Note several clear facts about Jesus, facts that are a great encouragement to the believer.

1. Jesus was never alone, even when men did not stand with Him. The Father was with Him through every situation no matter how terrible. Even when He did not have the support of men, He had God and His support.

John 10:30 *“I and the Father are one.”*

John 10:38 *“But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.”*

John 14:10 *“Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.”*

2. Jesus was forgiving. He forgave every one of the men, even for deserting Him. He did not hold their sin and failure against them. (How His arms reach out for every deserter, to forgive and to receive back!)

Rom 4:25 *He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.*

Rom 10:9-10 *That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*

3. Jesus knew all. Even when He chose these men, He knew they would fail and desert Him, yet He went ahead and chose them. He knew they were trustworthy and would eventually prove faithful.

John 15:16 *“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.”*

1 Tim 1:12 *I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service.*

VII. John 16:33 Resurrection Gives True Peace

The resurrection makes available true peace, triumphant peace. The world can give only trials and *troubles*. No matter who the person is, the trials and *troubles* come. Such is the way of the world, and no man can avoid it. Therefore, whatever peace comes to this world is transient, passing ever so quickly.

The peace of Jesus Christ — the peace that is *in Him* — is lasting. It is an *overcoming* peace, a peace that overcomes the trials and *troubles* of the world, no matter what they are, even the terrible trials of sin and death. But note, the *overcoming peace*...

- is only *in Jesus*
- is only *in His Word*, in the things which He spoke

Note: the peace of God comes only through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, only through His conquest and victory over sin and death.

Acts 2:24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

1 Cor 15:3-4 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

Eph 1:19-20 And his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.

1 Th 4:13-14 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

1 Pet 1:3-4 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you. ■