



Life Principles Notes™

The Inspiring Message of the Resurrection

Summary:

What would you have done? How would you have reacted if the Teacher you had followed for three years had made statements such as “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30) or “No one comes to the Father but through Me” (John 14:6). You believed in Him, trusted Him, and put your full confidence in Him as the Messiah you had been anticipating. But then, before you could fully grasp what had happened, you see Him hanging upon a cross—condemned and dying between two thieves.

Perhaps you would have done as the disciples did. Maybe you would have been shocked and scared—succumbing to the seeming hopelessness of the situation.

Yet, hopefully, you would also have been as inspired as they were when God turned the whole situation around. You see, when they went to the tomb three days later, their Teacher was no longer there, and the angel announced the astoundingly wonderful news, “He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said” (Matt. 28:6). In an instant, their entire lives changed because they realized that *everything* that their Teacher, Jesus, had told them was true.

Key Passage: [Luke 24:1–9](#)

Supporting Scripture: *Matthew 28:6, 19–20; John 10:27–30; 14:1–26; Acts 1:3; Romans 10:9; 1 Corinthians 15:6, 50–54; Ephesians 4:30; Philippians 3:20–21; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–17; Hebrews 4:15–16; 9:27; 13:5; 1 John 1:9; 3:1–2; Revelation 22:3*

Scriptural Principles:

1 Any impact?

Has the truth of the resurrection changed your life? There are many stories being told today, but none are as powerful and life-transforming as the resurrection of Jesus Christ. So what impact does it make in your daily life? Do you talk about it? Do you live your life for the risen Christ—in His power and wisdom?

Jesus Christ came into this world for a specific reason. He died on the cross and rose from the grave to provide for our salvation. Now, we have the awesome message of salvation that the world needs to hear (Matt. 28:19–20). Are you ready and willing to share it with others?

2 Jesus is *alive!*

You may feel as if you don’t know what to say. You may think that you don’t have the right words to tell others about the Good News. But the bottom line is that *Jesus is alive*. He is seated at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us and ruling over all the earth. He said, “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. . . . You will see Me; because I live, you will live also” (John 14:18–19). Because He has defeated death, we will be saved as well.

Jesus Christ is alive. He is not like any other prophet, teacher, leader, or philosopher that ever lived because all the rest have died. Yet Christ had an eternal victory over the grave!

Of course, you may doubt that He really is alive, but your misgivings are completely unfounded. The religious leaders of the time—the Pharisees and Sadducees—were absolutely committed to silencing Jesus, which is why they put Him on the cross in the first place. They would not have tolerated false rumors that He had risen from the dead—they would have squelched them. They would have gathered an enormous group of searchers and would have scoured every inch of Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria to find His body.

However, no one can stifle God’s truth. As 1 Corinthians 15:6 tells us, Jesus “appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time.” And Acts 1:3 reports, “He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.” You can believe it—He *is* alive.

3 Jesus is alive . . . in you!

Best of all, Jesus dwells within each one of us through the Holy Spirit. He guides us, helps us, strengthens us, heals us, and provides for us. Yet that is not all His presence within us ensures.

a) His presence guarantees that we are forgiven. “If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” (Rom. 10:9). We are completely forgiven, justified, and reconciled to the Father through His substitutionary, sacrificial, all-sufficient death at Calvary.

b) His presence guarantees that we are eternally secure. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). We do not have to be saved over and over again. Rather, we are redeemed once and for all. We cannot earn our salvation, and we cannot lose it either.

c) His presence guarantees that we are His children. “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand” (John 10:27–28). Nothing can ever separate us from God.

4 Jesus is alive in you forever!

Hebrews 9:27 teaches, “It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.” Every person will live forever somewhere. The question is—*where*? For those of us who’ve trusted Jesus Christ as our Savior and have Him alive in us, we are assured that we will be with Him for all eternity. But what does this really mean?

a) The promise of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is our seal—God’s personal pledge—guaranteeing that we will be with Him in heaven forever (Eph. 4:30). We belong to Him and will experience His love and presence for all eternity.

b) The promise of joyful reunions. When a child of God dies and goes to heaven, we know that we will see him or her again (1 Thess. 4:13–17). You cannot bury a believer! God will raise that person up again to eternal life. And we have the joy of knowing that we will be together with them forever because of Christ.

c) The promise of a resurrected body. First Corinthians 15:53 tells us, “This perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.” Our body will be exchanged when we are caught up together with Him—it will be transformed instantly into the likeness of His glorified body (1 Thess. 4:13–17; 1 John 3:1–2).

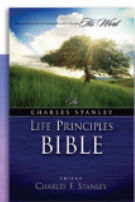
d) The promise of eternal citizenship. Why will our bodies be transformed? To make us fit for our new home in heaven. As Philippians 3:20–21 tells us, “Our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory.”

e) The promise of fulfilling purpose. In heaven we will be wonderfully employed because we will reign with the Lord. We will neither retire nor want to because we will be so full of joy, purpose, and fruitfulness in our service to Him (Rev. 22:3).

f) The promise of a perfect home. Jesus tells us, “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14:3). God is preparing a place for us to dwell forever—where we will be His family and be near our loved ones as well. It will be so wonderful that we will spend eternity thanking God He brought us there!

Conclusion:

The message of the resurrection is truly wonderful and inspiring. Because Christ has risen from the grave, we can face tomorrow with confidence. We can endure suffering, persecution, challenges, needs, temptations—everything that comes into our lives—because we are assured that He will never leave us or forsake us (Heb. 4:15–16; 13:5). Rather, He will always be with us—helping, equipping, and enabling us to live victoriously no matter what we go through.



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