

SERMON OUTLINE 1 Corinthians 15:12-58

Live Like the Resurrection Is True

THE HISTORICAL BASICS OF JESUS' RESURRECTION

LIVE LIKE JESUS REALLY DID RISE FROM THE DEAD

Worship in the Highest

Telling Everyone

LIVE LIKE YOU REALLY WILL RISE FROM THE DEAD

Jesus' Resurrection, Our Resurrection, and Our Forgiveness of Sins Are Inseparably Linked (12-19)

Jesus Did Rise, We Are Forgiven, and We Will Be Raised (20-22)

The Time of Our Resurrection Will a Time of Total Victory (23-28)

Our Resurrection Bodies Will Be Glorious, Imperishable, Honorable, and Powerful (35-49)

We Will Rise When Death Is Dead (50-57)

We Must Live Now Knowing that We Will Be Raised (29-34, 58)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The claims that Jesus rose from the dead and that all who hope in Him will share in His resurrection are truly staggering. My main aim this morning, then, are to call you to consider the nature of the resurrection and then to live like it's true—to live consistently with the facts that Jesus really rose from the dead and you will too!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Is it easy for you to slow down and consider how staggering the claims of Christianity are, and especially the claim that Jesus rose from the dead? From your perspective, what is the most remarkable claim of Christianity?
3. Have you ever heard someone talk about the resurrection in such a way that sounded more like a spiritual story or parable than a historical event? Why do you think that is? What difference does it make if it is historical or only symbolic?
4. Which event of Holy Week stands out to you the most? Why?
5. Which resurrection blessing are you most thankful for?
6. Do you really live like Jesus really rose from the dead? How? In what ways has your knowledge of Jesus' resurrection fueled your worship and evangelism?
7. Do you really live like you will really rise from the dead? How? In what ways has that knowledge diminished your fear?
8. What part of your resurrection are you most looking forward to?
9. In what way do you most clearly see the greatness of God in this passage?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

10. Consider carefully the historical claims concerning the resurrection. Read the Gospel accounts. Read Lee Strobel's [The Case for the Easter](#) or William Lane Craig's [The Son Rises](#) or listen to Doug Bookman's [Passion Week Lectures](#).
11. Worship God in light of Jesus' resurrection. Worship in music by listening to good resurrection songs. Worship in the Word by reading through the biblical passages on the resurrection. Worship in prayer by prayerfully interacting with the resurrection passages. Worship in community by praising God with a family member or brother/sister in Christ. Worship God by creating some type of artistic expression of the resurrection.
12. Tell someone about Jesus' resurrection and its benefits for them should they receive Jesus in faith.
13. Obey Jesus in some scary way this week in light of the fact that you will rise from the dead.
14. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

15. Adoration. Praise God for being the God of all life and death. Praise God for being the God of all time and space. Praise God for being a loving God. Praise God for being all wise, powerful, good, and glorious.
16. Confession. Confess any resurrection indifference. Confess any fear that stems from unbelief. Confess any apathy toward unbelievers and their union with Christ. Confess any ways that Easter has taken the backseat to worldly pursuits.
17. Thanksgiving. Thank God for loving the world in such a way that He sent His only Son into the world, to suffer, die, and rise from the dead on behalf of all who would receive Him in faith. Thank God for promising to resurrect us with Jesus.
18. Supplication. Pray for a specific unbeliever in your life. Pray for our church to be doers of the resurrection and not hearers only. Pray for the elders of Grace to always lead in light of the resurrection.