

**Walking Together with God
Open Our Eyes! Pt. 2
The Resurrection
Sermon Outline
July 26th, 2020**

TEXT – I Corinthians 15: 3-7

Reading Schedule

Sunday	7/26	<i>Proverbs Ch. 26; I Corinthians 15: 1-34</i>
Monday	7/27	<i>Proverbs Ch. 27; I Corinthians 15: 35-58</i>
Tuesday	7/28	<i>Proverbs Ch. 28; Acts 2: 1-47</i>
Wednesday	7/29	<i>Proverbs Ch. 29; Ephesians 1: 1-23</i>
Thursday	7/30	<i>Proverbs Ch. 30; Matthew 28: 1-10; Luke 24: 13-35</i>
Friday	7/31	<i>Proverbs Ch. 31; I Corinthians John 20: 19-31; John 21: 1-14</i>
Saturday	8/1	<i>Proverbs Ch. 1; Philippians 2: 1-11</i>

We welcome our sisters and brothers who have joined the broadcast. The outline for this message with a daily Bible reading schedule can be found at Quinn Chapel's website www.quinnchicago.org

Several weeks ago, we shared in the encouragement that our hope is in the facts. Today, we want God, the Holy Spirit, to open our eyes as God shares facts about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Open Our Eyes – Part 2

The Resurrection

Scripture Reading:

I Corinthians 15: 3-7 – ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance^[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas,^[b] and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

PRAYER: For God to open our eyes

Amen

As the Apostle Paul speaks on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Paul says it is of "first importance." Why is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ of first importance?

- The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central event of the Christian faith.
- The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave distinguishes Christianity from all other belief systems.

- The Resurrection is confirmation of Jesus' identity as God and the source of reconciliation to God, of all creation.

1. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central event of the Christian faith.

- **I Corinthians 15: 14 & 20a** – ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,

- The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Christian faith. Just like a building rises from its foundation, everything we believe as Christians is built on the fact that Jesus got up from the grave on the third day, as Scripture said.

i. **God was demonstrated in the Resurrection that Jesus, the crucified one, is Messiah, the Holy One of God who came to reconcile humanity to God.**

1. **Acts 2: 22-24 & 36-41** – ²² *"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: **Jesus of Nazareth** was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know... ²³ **you, put him to death** by nailing him to the cross... ²⁴ **But God raised him from the dead,***

³⁶ *"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: **God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both***

Lord and Messiah."

*³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, **what shall we do?"***

*³⁸ Peter replied, "**Repent and be baptized**, every one of you, **in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins**. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."*

⁴⁰ With many other words, he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

2. Forgiveness has been granted for anybody's sins who will turn to God and receive the love of God as demonstrated through Jesus' sacrificial death and His Resurrection
- ii. **God's power over sin and all that would destroy us was demonstrated in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

1. When Jesus got up from the grave, he demonstrated God's power over death and sin in our lives.
2. **I Corinthians 15: 54-57** – ⁵⁴ *When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."* ^[h] ⁵⁵ *"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"* ^[i]
⁵⁶ *The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.* ⁵⁷ *But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

iii. **The power of God that raised Jesus from the grave is the power that transforms our lives. Eph. 1: 18-20**
– ¹⁸ *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,* ¹⁹ *and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength* ²⁰ *he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,*

iv. **The Resurrection of all believers began with Christ's Resurrection.** I Corinthians 15: 20 – But Christ had indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

2. **The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave distinguishes Christianity from all other belief systems.** Eyewitnesses saw the Resurrected Jesus and testified to it. Jesus is alive!

- **Matthew 28: 1-10** – Mary Magdalene and the other Mary at the tomb were the first to see the Resurrected Jesus.
- Others saw the risen Christ.
 - i. **Luke 24: 13-35** – Cleopas and the other disciple on the road to Emmaus.
 - ii. **John 20: 19-31** – The believers behind the closed doors who saw Jesus enter the room.
 - iii. **John 21: 1-14** – Peter, Andrew, James, and John out fishing
- We've all seen something you thought only you witnessed, but later you found out there were several others who saw it also.
 - i. Corlis and the plane that landed on Lakeshore Drive
 - 1. Her attempts to describe what she saw on Lakeshore Drive failed to explain the phenomenon.

2. Even though she attempted to have others share in her experience, the most accurate description would not make the experience real for the hearers.
3. It wasn't until I went online and saw the plane on Lakeshore Drive myself that I believed it for myself.
4. I've come to tell somebody, that when Jesus Christ touches your life with his finger of love, forgiveness, strength, and wisdom, you'll know for yourself what the eyewitnesses knew. Jesus is alive and bringing life to the world today.
5. If you know Jesus is alive, write in the comments, "He Lives!"

- Ancient secular historian's descriptions of Christians
 - i. Roman historian Tacitus, in 116ce, wrote about Christians in 64, willingly confessing their identity as Christians. They were brutally tortured at the hand of Nero, who set Rome on fire and used the Christians as a scapegoat for his actions.
https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tacitus_on_Christ
 - ii. Historian Josephus refers to the death of James, the brother of Jesus. The latter was called Christ, at the hands of Ananus the younger, high priest.

a. Because Jesus rose from the grave in His
Resurrection body

iii. That's why Paul wrote, " For what I received I passed on to
you as of first importance^[a]:

that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

⁴ that he was buried that he was raised on the third
day according to the Scriptures,

⁵ and that he appeared to Peter,^[b] and then to the Twelve.

⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the
brothers and sisters at the same time,

⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,

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3. The Resurrection is confirmation of Jesus' identity as God and the
source of reconciliation to God, of all creation.

- Philippians 2: 5-11, known as the Christ hymn, is a song sung
by early Christians, affirming their faith in the Suffering
Servant, Jesus Christ saying,

- ⁶ *Who, being in very nature^[a] God,*

*did not consider equality with God something to be used to
his own advantage;*

⁷ *rather, he made himself nothing*

by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

- ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!*
- *⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue [confess] that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*

HALLELUJAH! AMEN!

INVITATION TO TRUST THE RESURRECTED ONE!

- Folks, Jesus understands the problems we face in life. In fact, He faced what I would call the "final problem" — death. Death is the "final problem" because it puts an end to all our other problems. Jesus faced death at the cross, conquered it, and rose from the dead. And because He conquered the "problem of problems," we can trust Him to face life together with us.
 - i. If you'd like to trust God today, type "I trust Jesus!" in the comments.
 - ii. I trust Jesus.

BENEDICTION BLESSING:

²⁴ Now unto him, who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

²⁵ To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

AMEN!

If you're with somebody, hug them and tell them, "God loves you, and so do I!"