

# THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 27.62-28.17

## JESUS RAISES FROM THE GRAVE

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a well known story. But what makes it so important, why is it so significant? Why, even at the time it happened, did people try to cover it up? Simply put, if it's true, if there really was a man who had the power over death itself, then that would change everything.

Romans 3.23 // Isaiah 59.2

If it is true that we have all fallen short of God's standard, what will we do to "pay Him back?" And how much is enough? And is it even possible?

## THE GOOD NEWS AND THE BAD NEWS

The bad news is that there is no way we could ever pay it back, though we will still try. We make promises or try to do enough good deeds to make up for it. But this is impossible for us, because we don't realize that our wrongs are much bigger than we think.

John 3.16-18

But there is Good News for you and for me! There was a Man who came and actually lived the life that God had desired, and He then willfully represented us before God, and He was able to pay back God on our behalf. This Man, Jesus, is the Son of God, sent to the earth to do what we couldn't do: live a perfect and sinless life, pleasing to God. And through His life and death, our sin is paid for; through His resurrection He proved that He has the power of death itself, and when we put our trust in Him, we, too, can be saved from the power of sin and death. So, though we can't get to heaven by our good works (because we simply won't be good enough), we *can* enter into heaven because of *Jesus'* good works, including His death, that He did for us.

## THE GREATEST HOPE OF ALL

To quote **Matthew 27.17**, when you see Him, do you worship Him? Or are you one who doubts? Maybe you are still on the fence, are unsure, or are maybe open to it but have questions? Maybe you call yourself a Christian, but still feel, upon closer examination, empty on the inside.

Regardless, there is hope for you and for me. Jesus was sent not to condemn you, but to save you. Do not, however, be deceived. You can't do it alone, you can't repay on your terms. It is only through the gift of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection can your eternal future be secured. Thank Him today that He finished the job for you, and that His forgiveness is complete.

**There is more forgiveness in Christ than there is sin in you.**

- Richard Sibbes, 17<sup>th</sup> Century Pastor



## NOTES:

### Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups**! You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

### GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at **lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give** or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

### KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at **katie@lifemission.tv**

### JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at **casey@lifemission.tv**.



## VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

## MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

## STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read through **Matthew 27:62-28:17** What stood out to you the most from these verses or the message on Sunday?

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Jobey talked about a performance standard; doing good things to earn favor or "brownie points." Let's look at what Isaiah says about the matter. What part do we have in our salvation? What is it that we 'give' to God? Read **Isaiah 1:11, 18, 64:6**.

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So with our inability to meet the requirement of holiness, one must come and fulfill the law perfectly and purely. Read 1 Peter 2:22, 1 John 3:5, and Romans 5:1-8. How does knowing and believing that Jesus lived the life that you couldn't live, died the death meant for you and then rose from the dead change your perspective of your past, present and future? In other words, how does one event that happened over 2,000 years ago change your whole life today, in 2015? Now read John 16:33. How does it give you peace? How does it give you rest?

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Peter, after being restored by Jesus and receiving the Holy Spirit, spoke to the Israelites. What does he say about Jesus having to die? How does this give you comfort? Read **Acts 2:22-24**.

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Read **John 14:6**. Jesus tells these things about Himself in the Gospel of John knowing that the cup of wrath awaited Him. What happens now to the one who puts his trust in Jesus? Read **2 Corinthians 5:21** and **1 Corinthians 15:42-49**. How should our hearts respond?

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This week, to celebrate and do something a little different in your **Community Group**, take some time to either write down in the space provided, or think through on your own how you would describe your life in Bad News and Good News terms. In other words, share with your group a 5 minute mini-"testimony" of what God has saved you from, and how your life has changed since becoming born again and saved by the work of Christ.

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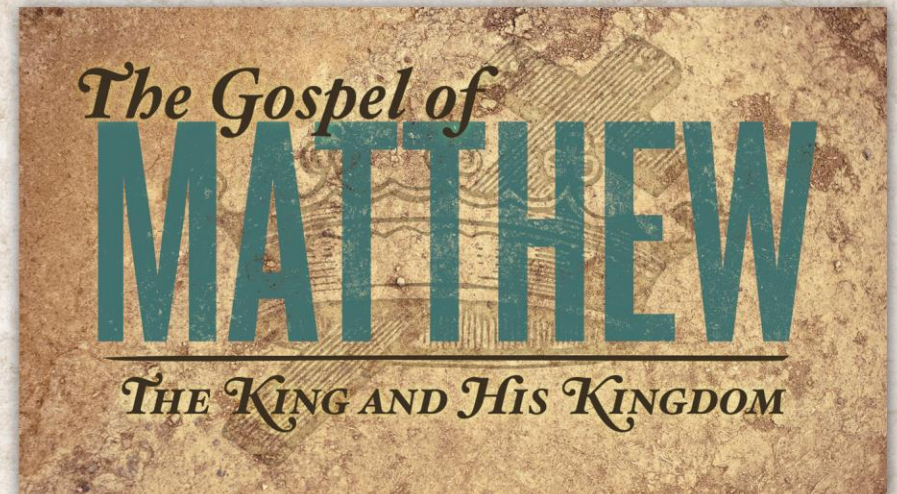
End group with praying for one another using the **P.R.A.Y.** model. **Preach** the Gospel to yourself, **Repent** of any sin, then **Ask** and last end with Thanksgiving and **Yield** to His will.



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**SUNDAYS AT 10AM**

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