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Overcome Like Jesus

Living in the Power of the Resurrection

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“The Apostles understood the resurrection as the lynchpin of Christianity—integral to every aspect of life and thought—and because of that, we should too.”

Ross Clifford

The Empty Tomb Changes Everything

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” Then they remembered his words.

Luke 24: 1-8 NIV

“Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead!”

Luke 24: 5-6 NLT

The Resurrection Empowers Us to Overcome Brokenness and Shame

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

John 20: 11-16 NIV

- Her past no longer defines her
- Her pain no longer owns her
- Her identity is restored to what it was meant to be

The Resurrection Allows Us to Overcome Our Doubts

“The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth,” they said. “He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. “But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago. “Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said.”

Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. Wasn’t it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?” Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Luke 24:19-27 NLT

Doubts are Overcome By:

- The Presence of Jesus
- The Power and Truth of His Word
- The Promise of a New Birth of Faith
- The Resurrection of Jesus Overcomes Our Fear

“Our problem is very simple—we simply do not know how to live as people who believe that Jesus is the resurrected Lord.”

Stanley Hauerwas

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”

John 20:19 NIV

Overcoming Death and the Power of the Enemy

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Hebrews 2:14-15 NIV

- Fear has no power over you if you walk in the power of Jesus
- The enemy no longer has hold over those who walk with Jesus
- Death no longer has the final word. Jesus didn't just survive death; He conquered it. Death is not final!

“You are not suffering from anything that a good resurrection can’t fix.”

D. A. Carson