

The Impact of the Resurrection Sunday a.m. 4/1/2018

- ❖ Today, millions of people around the world will celebrate Easter
- ✚ Some are sentimental, emotional, but remain unchanged
- ✚ Some get the story, they don't know why it matters
- ✚ Some will celebrate the holiday
- ✚ Some will celebrate the religious significance
- ✪ **Some will celebrate the resurrection because it changed their life**

■ **Jesus Knew He Would Die**

Mark 10:45 (NKJV)

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

- **Jesus had a job from His Father to finish**

John 4:27-34 (NKJV)

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to **finish** His work.

- **Jesus finished the job His Father gave Him to do**

John 17:4 (NKJV)

I have glorified You on the earth. I **have finished** the work which You have given Me to do.

- **Jesus finished the job His Father gave Him**

John 19:30 (NKJV)

So, when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**It is finished!**” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

✪ **Death was the completion of the job His Father gave Him**

- ❖ “It is finished” is a powerful word (tetelestai)

- ✚ It means a debt was paid off, "Paid in Full"
- ✚ It is present tense

“Emphasis here is not on the ending of the sufferings but on the completion of the mission of redemption.” **Wycliffe Bible Commentary**

“His death on the Cross has permanent effects which ultimately will last throughout eternity!”

“Christ satisfied God's justice by dying for all to pay for the sins of the elect. These sins can never be punished again since that would violate God's justice. Sins can only be punished once, either by a substitute or by yourself.”

✪ **What had been started in the Garden of Eden, what Jesus came to do on the earth, what Jesus did on the earth and what He completed, will remain completed, never to be done again**

■ **Jesus Knew He Would be Resurrected**

❖ He predicted His death and resurrection on several occasions

- **Cleansing the Temple (1st time) (John 2:13-22)**

✚ The Jewish leaders asked by what authority He did this

✚ Jesus answered, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”

- **Peter’s confession that Jesus was the Messiah (Matthew 16:21)**

“From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.”

- **Going to Jerusalem for His last Passover (Matthew 20:18-19)**

¹⁸ “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, ¹⁹ and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.”

⊛ Wasn't the death of Jesus on the cross enough?

- ✚ Jesus was the perfect sacrifice
- ✚ Jesus took our place on the cross
- ✚ Jesus fulfilled prophecy on the day He died

⊛ Why did Jesus have to rise from the dead?

- **The resurrection confirms scripture**

1 Corinthians 15:14 (NKJV)

And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

John 2:22 (NKJV) After first cleansing of Temple, would rebuild temple in 3 days

After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

- **The resurrection is the assurance our sins are forgiven**

Romans 4:25 (NKJV)

who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

1 Corinthians 15:17 (NKJV)

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

- ⊛ **Jesus died because of our sins and rose to assure us our sins are forgiven. The resurrection is the assurance that God accepted the sacrifice of His Son.**

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