

THE SUPREMACY OF THE RESURRECTION



THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

- Recorded in every gospel account
- Consider what is not recorded in every gospel account:
 - The birth narrative
 - The parable of the soils
 - The story of Lazarus
 - The events surrounding the death of Christ



SUPREME TESTIMONY OF GOD

- God raised His Son from the dead — Acts 2.24
 - God defeated the efforts of those who opposed His Son — 2.23
- What David wrote was actually about Christ — 2.25–28
 - While many (all?) thought Jesus was abandoned, the Father proved otherwise — 2.30–32 (cf. Mt. 27.40–43; Jn. 2.22; 20.9).
- The resurrection and exaltation of Jesus was the ultimate demonstration of approval from God — Acts 2.32–36



His resurrection ought to make us question the messages we hear — Acts 2.37

SUPREME LIFE MOMENT

- It is a pointless exercise to define which moment of Jesus' life was singularly most important: birth, life, death, resurrection.
- Paul's argument in 1 Corinthians 15.12–19 places a supremacy on the resurrection:
 - Not more important than His birth, sinless life, or atoning death.
 - Important because it comes as the capstone to it all; it was all-or-nothing.



His resurrection ought to change my perspective — 1 Corinthians 15.17-19

SUPREME MESSAGE


- What gives the gospel message its power?
 - Hebrews 7.16,22ff — the resurrection of Christ!
- What do we gain from a resurrected Christ?
 - A perfect intercessor/mediator — Hebrews 7.25-28
 - A greater hope — Hebrews 7.19
 - The assurance of true forgiveness — Hebrews 7.22-25



His resurrection ought to change my living — Hebrews 7.25

SUPREME HOPE

- Christ's resurrection changed everything:
 - The Prince of Life conquered death — Acts 3.15
 - Blessings are available through His resurrection — Acts 3.22
 - Justification and forgiveness come through the resurrected Christ — Acts 13.38–39
 - The Gospel becomes “good news” because of His resurrection; death is conquered — Romans 6.3–10



His resurrection deserves my response — Romans 6