

“The Instructions of the Resurrected Jesus”

The Resurrection Hope of Christians

- Confidence in a physical body like the resurrected body of Jesus into eternity in a world cleansed from sin and death.
- A hope that is most relevant to those who are faced most consistently with the realities of a world where suffering and death dominate daily experience.
- Our challenge is to allow the resurrection hope to infiltrate our life in such a way that daily priorities are changed because we know it to be true.

Three Appearances of Jesus to the Disciples

1. The gathering without Thomas present in the evening of Resurrection Day. (Mark 16:15-

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Proof of His physical body- concern for their skepticism

Commissioning- “Go into the world and preach the “good news”

Encourage people to “believe” and “be baptized”

Luke 24:44-

Proof of His physical body- touchable and eating

Summarizes God’s Redemptive Plan-

Prophetic Revelations: Moses, Prophets, Psalms

The Need for Messiah’s suffering, death and resurrection

Our challenge: To proclaim the Promise of Forgiveness for those who repent

Anticipate the Promise of the Holy Spirit

John 20:19-

Proof of His physical body- He showed them

Breathed on them to give them the Holy Spirit

Gave them the authority to forgive sins

2. The gathering with Thomas 8 days later in the same place.

John 20:24-29

Thomas’ skepticism

Jesus’ appearance and invitation to touch His wounds

Thomas’ declaration “My Lord and my God”

3. The gathering at the Sea of Tiberias (Sea of Galilee).

John 21:1-14

This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples after He was raised from the dead. (verse 14)

Exhortation to Peter- Tend, Shepherd

Matthew 28:16-20

All authority given... Go, make disciples

Our Challenges in Embracing Resurrection Hope

- **Accepting the facts of a literal resurrection of Jesus is the foundation necessary for embracing the resurrection hope.**

It is the only thing in this life that informs confidence in “physical existence” beyond death.

It is the most important thing in this life that legitimizes a decision to follow and obey Jesus Christ.

- **For most people, It is more difficult to accept the relevance of resurrection hope in times of joy and blessing.**

- Resurrection hope becomes most relevant to us when the joy of living is most threatened by suffering and death.

NEXT WEEK:

What did the Resurrected Jesus ask us to do?