

When I think of resurrection, I think of ultimate victory. I mean, the one thing that finally beats everyone is death. Whether you're weak or strong or rich or poor, you will die. But resurrection beats the unbeatable. That is what Jesus did; that is what he offers.

Ben Blakey

Beyond the obvious importance of the physical resurrection of our Savior, I often reflect on Paul's words in Philippians 3:10 "I want to know Christ-yes, to know the power of the resurrection..." The same power that raised Him from the dead can be experienced in my life!! He wants to break into the deep crevices of my life and transform it with that same power. Wow! The very power of the God of the universe, I can experience that power. Even as I write this I want to break out in praise!

William J. Hamel

The hope of the resurrection radically changed the way Paul lived. It freed him from materialism and consumerism. It gave him the power to go without things that many people feel they must have in this life. For example, though he had the right to marry (1 Corinthians 9:5), he renounced that pleasure because he was called to bear so much suffering. This he did because of the resurrection.

This is the way Jesus said the hope of the resurrection is supposed to change our behavior. For example, he told us to invite to our homes people who cannot pay us back in this life. How are we to be motivated to do this? "*You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just*" (Luke 14:14).

This is a radical call for us to look hard at our present lives to see if they are shaped by the hope of the resurrection. Do we make decisions on the basis of gain in this world or gain in the next? Do we take risks for love's sake that can only be explained as wise if there is a resurrection?

Do we lose heart when our bodies give way to the aging process, and we have to admit that we will never do certain things again? Or do we look to the resurrection and take heart?

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Kids Notes

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The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

1. *The Sadducees challenged Jesus' authority by bringing up:*

- A. a silly story about 7 brothers.
- B. how absurd they thought the idea of "resurrection" was.
- C. putting him to the test publicly.
- D. all of the above.

2. *Resurrection is God's promise to:*

- A. have victory over death.
- B. re-claim and redeem all of creation.
- C. A and B.
- D. none of the above.

3. *Jesus said that God is:*

- A. the God of the living, not the dead.
- B. the One who creates, sustains, and redeems life.
- C. the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- D. all of the above.

For Family Discussion: What does the word "resurrection" bring into your mind? Read and discuss Philippians 3:10 (and context). What is the "power" of the resurrection?

Space to Doodle

Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

RESURRECTION _____	TOTAL: _____
SADDUCEES _____	_____
HOPE _____	_____
BROTHERS _____	_____
MARRIAGE _____	_____
PROMISE _____	_____

Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

PROMISE RESURRECTION HOPE GOSPEL BROTHERS BRIDE
 CHILDREN SADDUCEES PHARISEES SCRIBES PRIESTS CONFRONT
 JESUS FAITH LIVING DEAD REDEMPTION STONE GRAVE CREATION
 MARRIAGE HEAVEN IMMORTAL RAISED GRAVE TEACHER WELL

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A S T J E M O U E R S G S D J E E
R U S E E C U D D A S E E E H A H
R R S U T W R L Z I T M B C J D T
I R T E I A I L M X P I A I W O O
A E S T E H Q M F T I E O E R G R
G C E L C S O R I C T W O N X C B
E T I H I R I O C O N F R O N T S
H I R E T V N R E S I M O R P J R
T O P A O I I N A G O S P E L A G
I N L V W Q O N B H I H E D I R B
A G W E S T I K G E P P O S L E V
F H L N S G R A V E T F E P G Q Z
Y L U B V H E R B U O D H D E R R
  
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