

SERMON: THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST — THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH (05/04/2026)

1. INTRODUCTION: THE GREATEST EVENT IN HISTORY

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not merely a doctrine—it is the **cornerstone of Christianity**.

As 1 Corinthians 15:14 declares: “And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.” Every promise, every hope, every victory of the believer stands on this one truth: **Jesus Christ is alive!**

The resurrection is:

- The proof of Jesus’ identity
- The confirmation of His finished work
- The guarantee of our future glory

2. THE REALITY OF THE RESURRECTION

A. The Empty Tomb: Matthew 28:5–6 “He is not here: for He is risen, as He said.” The tomb was: **Sealed** (Matthew 27:66) **Guarded** by Roman soldiers Yet found **empty**

No one could produce the body—because **He had risen indeed**.

B. Eyewitness Testimony: 1 Corinthians 15:3–8 Jesus appeared to:

- Mary Magdalene (John 20:14–16)
- The disciples (Luke 24:36–43)
- Over **500 people at once**

The resurrection is not mythology—it is **historical reality witnessed by many**.

C. Transformed Lives The disciples went from:

- Fear → Boldness
- Hiding → Preaching
- Doubt → Martyrdom

Why? Because they had seen the risen Christ.

3. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESURRECTION

A. To Confirm Jesus is the Son of God

Romans 1:4 “Declared to be the Son of God with power... by the resurrection from the dead.” The resurrection is God’s public declaration: **“This is My Son!”**

B. To Justify Believers: Romans 4:25 “Who was delivered for our offences and was raised again for our justification.” The cross paid the **price**. The resurrection is the **receipt** that the payment was accepted.

C. To Defeat Death and Satan: 1 Corinthians 15:55–57 “O death, where is thy sting?”

Hebrews 2:14 “That through death He might destroy him that had the power of death...”

Jesus didn’t just rise—He **conquered death itself**.

D. To Give Us New Life: 1 Peter 1:3

“Begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

Because He lives:

- We are spiritually reborn
- We have a living hope
- We are no longer bound by sin

4. THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

A. Power Over Sin: Romans 6:4 “Even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

The same power that raised Christ:

- Breaks chains of sin
- Enables holy living
- Transforms character

B. Power for Daily Living: Philippians 3:10 “That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection...”

Resurrection power gives:

* Strength in weakness * Hope in suffering * Victory in trials

C. Power Over Fear and Death  John 11:25

“I am the resurrection, and the life...” Death is no longer the end—it is a doorway.

5. THE PROMISE OF THE RESURRECTION

A. Our Future Resurrection: 1 Corinthians 15:20 “Christ the first fruits...”

Because He rose: * We too shall rise * Our bodies will be glorified * Eternity is secure

B. Eternal Life: John 3:16 The resurrection guarantees:

* Eternal life * Fellowship with God * Victory over the grave

C. The Blessed Hope: Titus 2:13

We are not waiting in despair—we are waiting in **hope**.

6. THE RESPONSE TO THE RESURRECTION

A. Believe the Gospel: Romans 10:9 “If thou shalt confess... and believe... that God hath raised Him from the dead...” Salvation is rooted in believing the resurrection.

B. Live a Transformed Life: Colossians 3:1 “If ye then be risen with Christ...”

If we are raised with Him:

* Our priorities must change * Our lives must reflect Him

C. Proclaim the Good News: Matthew 28:19 The resurrection message must be:

* Preached * Shared * Declared to all nations

7. PRACTICAL APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Because Jesus rose: * Your past can be forgiven * Your present can be transformed

* Your future is secure

You are not serving: * A dead philosopher * A buried prophet

You are serving a **living Savior!**

8. CONCLUSION: HE IS RISEN INDEED

On that first resurrection morning:

- The stone was rolled away * The grave was defeated * Heaven declared victory

The message still echoes today: **“He is not here, for He is risen!”**