

As Good As Promised (part 2)

The resurrection is the pivotal event of the gospel of Jesus. In it we can see the approval of God upon the sacrifice of His Son. In the resurrection we also see a profound power that calls us to respond.

Scripture(s): John 20:1-28

I. The first response people can have to the resurrection is shock and misunderstanding. When people hear of the resurrection they often do not understand the message. (see Acts 17: 18 ff)

➤ Some hear the message of the resurrection and they do not know what to believe.

II. The second response people can have to the resurrection is love. If we truly realize what God is doing in Jesus, we cannot help but love Him. (See Ephesians 3:14ff)

➤ When our hearts open up to the gospel a new knowledge hits us. (see 2 Corinthians 5:14ff)

III. The third response people can have to the resurrection is _____. The disciples began _____. The disciples' fear turned to _____.

Acts 4: 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people, 9 if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well, 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead-by this name this man stands here before you in good health. ... 12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." 13 Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.

✓ Spend time with Jesus until your _____ is taken by His cross and a desire to live with Him emerges.

IV. The fourth response people can have to the resurrection is _____. There are those who need _____ to believe.

➤ We must be careful that we do not place the bar of evidence so high that it cannot be _____.

Hebrews 3:18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? 19 So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief. 4:1 Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.

✓ Believe what the Bible says because it was written by those who were _____!

V. The final response people can have to the resurrection is _____. Doubters need to know that there is a _____ for them.

Psalms 103:13 Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him. 14 For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are mere dust.

➤ Notice _____ response!

✓ Worship Jesus with your _____. Come _____ to Jesus.

Remember this - The resurrection is an event that _____ a response.

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"Just When I Need Him
Most" 65

"We Fall Down"

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"Your Name"