

God's Servant Rises

Mark 15:40-16:13

Central Idea: Jesus is risen! The resurrection of Jesus blesses us every day with treasures that feed our soul. Let us worship Him, live for Him and tell others of Him!!

Six Treasures that Jesus' resurrection delivers:

Treasure #1: God validates our faith.

Truth: The resurrection of Jesus is not an idea to be debated, but a historical fact to be reckoned.

APPLICATION: Unbelief is a real enemy that is closer to us than we think! We must take opportunity to strengthen our faith daily with the grace God supplies.

Treasure #2: God transforms our burial grave.

Truth: The grave that now holds the body of one whom we love is a place where the power of Jesus' resurrection will explode in glory on the day He returns for us in the clouds.

Treasure #3: God frees us from the power of death.

““Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:54–57 ESV)

Truth: The more we know and embrace Jesus and His resurrection, the less fear and despair we experience in the face of death.

Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years. (Revelation 20:6 [ESV](#))

Treasure #4: God guarantees a resurrection body.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:20-22 [ESV](#))

“Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed . . . (1 Corinthians 15:51-52 [ESV](#))

Treasure #5: God restores us to His eternal purpose.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

Truth: How foolish to live life as though there is not resurrection from the dead. How wise to invest our life for that which never ends.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58 [ESV](#))

Treasure #6: God secures us completely.

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. (Romans 5:10 [ESV](#))

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1:3-5 [ESV](#))

“For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”” (John 6:38–40 [ESV](#))

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.” (John 10:27–28 [ESV](#))

Truth: Our security does not depend upon us, but on Him who promised to keep us. His resurrection guarantees that He is able.