

## “EASTER 2020” The Resurrection

### I. The Resurrection

#### A. There's Resurrection Life in the Risen Christ

**Romans 8:11** if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, **He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.**

**PRINCIPLE 1:** Easter is not just another Event; Easter is an Invitation to Encounter the Life and Power of Jesus' Resurrection!

#### B. The Same Life-Giving Power that Raised Jesus is Available for Us Today

**Philippians 3:10** For my determined purpose is that I may... come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection... to be continually transformed into His likeness...

**PRINCIPLE 2:** In Christ, Past Regrets and Disappointments don't have to Restrict Our Lives.

#### C. Quote from William Barclay's "The Master's Men"

“A Christian is a Person Whose Life Has Been Broken by the Power of the Cross, and Whose Life has been Renewed by the Power of the Resurrection!”

#### D. The Easter Story

**Luke 24:1-8** 1 On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; 5 and as *the women* were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, *the men* said to them, “Why do you seek the living One among the dead? 6 “He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, 7 saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.” 8 And they remembered His words,

### II. What Does Easter Mean?

#### A. It's Time to Make Sure that We are Ready for Jesus' Return

**Acts 1:11** “Galileans, why are you staring up into the sky? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but **he will come back the same way that you saw him ascend.**”

**PRINCIPLE 3:** Just as Jesus Ascended into Heaven, He will also Come back by Descending from Heaven.

#### B. It's Time to Make Sure that Jesus is in the Center of Our Heart

**Proverbs 4:23** above all, **guard the affections of your heart**, for they affect all that you are. Pay attention to the welfare of your innermost being, for from there flows the wellspring of life.

**PRINCIPLE 4:** Our Hearts were Designed by God to be made complete through a Life- Giving Relationship with Him, if not Counterfeits will Compete for Our Affections and Pull Us Away from the Lord.

### C. It's Time to Make Sure that Jesus is Lord of Our Life

Exodus 20:3 **You shall have no other gods** (Relationships, Businesses, Careers, Possessions, Sports, Entertainment, Travel or Hobbies) **before Me.**

**DEFINE: Idols** - Things We Place Before God, within Our Heart.

**PRINCIPLE 5:** If Jesus is Not Lord of All, He is Not Lord at All!

### D. It's Time to Make Sure that We Have Had a Spiritual Reset

2 Chronicles 7:14 **if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.**

**DEFINE: Repentance** - a Change of Mind Concerning the Things that are Important to Us!

**PRINCIPLE 6:** Repentance is the Door that Revives Our Heart!

Psalm 51:10-12 <sup>10</sup> **Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.**