

The Power of the Resurrection

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Introduction

1. Old war movies climax with the death of a villain, assistant to the hero or the hero himself.
2. In later years Hollywood has become masterful at the false ending with a twist and surprise that opens the door for sequels. Where did they get that idea?
3. So often we look at the life of Christ at stop at John 19:30 as if it were the final climax.
4. The resurrection put a twist on the end of Christ's life that even though he told what was to be, it was not understood till they saw it.

Text:

Mark 16

Thesis:

The Old Testament prophesied of a Saviour, Who would be the climax of human existence by sacrificing His blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Christ's death and sacrifice are good news but we often miss the climax. The climax occurred three days later when the tomb was empty and Christ had risen from the dead and this is the great news. HE IS RISEN!

Discussion:

I. Perimeter for the Saved

- A. We were not redeemed or saved by corruptible things of this world nor the whole world itself (1 Peter 1:18-19).
 1. There is nothing in this world that could equal the value of the human soul (Matthew 16:26-27).
 2. God created all things in the beginning (Genesis 1:1)
 3. God created man in His likeness including an eternal soul (Genesis 1:26-27)
- B. Our redemption is found in His blood.
 1. Jesus said (Matthew 26:28).
 2. John 6:52-58
 3. Paul instructed the Ephesian elders (Acts 20:28).
 4. Paul wrote to the Romans (Romans 5:9).
 5. Paul communicated the same message to the Ephesians (Ephesians 1:7)
 6. Paul reminded the Colossians that Christ was Creator, Lord of Lords and Redeemer (Colossians 1:14-20).
 7. Earlier we looked at what Peter scribed...(1 Peter 1:18-19).
 8. As Paul Harvey says now let us consider the rest of the story (1 Peter 1:20-21).
 9. Acts 2:29-32

II. Opulent (Value)

- A. Some would believe, others would mock.
 1. Acts 17:32-34

2. Do we truly believe (Romans 6:4-5)?
- B. If there is no resurrection our faith is of no value.
 1. 1 Corinthians 15:12-18
 2. Faith in Christ's resurrection let's us peek at the treasure of Heaven (1 Peter 1:3-5).

III. Winner

- A. The athlete forgets all the uncomfortable practice and conditioning when he wins the event (Philippians 3:8-11).
- B. The athlete knows that some may not want to win but want him to lose (Hebrews 12:1-2).
- C. The true winner is one who knows he has done his best (2 Timothy 4:7-8).
- D. Jesus has won the ultimate conquest (Romans 6:9).

IV. Escape

- A. Jesus escaped the tomb (Matthew 28:1-6). {Hollywood has so replicated this idea and applied it to some crazed murderer, I wonder if we really believe}
- B. Jesus rose from the dead and all should know (Luke 24:1-9).
 1. What do you think Herod and Pilate thought? Pilate's wife? Joseph of Arimathaea? The Apostles, especially Peter?
 2. What about the crowd that had shouted "Crucify Him", surely the word traveled like wildfire.
- C. Jesus has promised us escape (Luke 21:33-36).

V. Reconcile

- A. Christ was reconciled to His rightful place.
 1. John 3:13-16
 2. Matthew 26:63-64
 3. Acts 2:32-33
 4. Acts 5:30-31
- B. Christ opened the door for our reconciliation.
 1. Romans 5:10-11
 2. Colossians 1:21-22
 3. Hebrews 2:17

Conclusion

1. Would you be free from the burden of sin?
2. Come for a cleansing of Calvary's tide.