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**THE
STORY
OF THE
BIBLE IN
16
VERSES**



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Resurrection



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**Declared to be the
Son of God in power.**

Romans 1:3-4

Romans 1:1-6

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The resurrection of Jesus Christ is that central moment in human history that serves as the foundational doctrine of Christianity. After having truly assumed human nature and submitted to an agonizing and shameful public death, the eternal Son of God was truly raised from the dead in his glorified physical body, no longer subject to decay and death. His resurrection validates his identity as the divine Son of God, demonstrates his irrevocable victory over death and the grave, and secures both the present salvation and future physical resurrection of believers.

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The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John all end with the same event: the resurrection of Jesus and its immediate aftermath. Jesus was the first person to truly defeat death... At the resurrection, we see the eternal Son of God publicly declared to be the messianic Son of God, just as his ancestor David was. For God to declare that David was his son meant that David and his descendants would be his closest allies and the ones through whom he would advance his saving plan...

The resurrection, therefore, was proof that Jesus was the true Son of David, the true seed of the woman. At the resurrection, millennia of promises were confirmed. The King had come, had paid the price to redeem his people, and had come out on the other side of death victorious. Because of this, it could finally be said of this Son of David that his throne would be established forever!

...Jesus's death and resurrection were together the turning point in history. These connected events had cosmic implications that trickle down into every nook and cranny of our everyday existence.

Although we see the culmination of God's saving promises in Jesus, the resurrected, Spirit-anointed Son of David, we also know that those promises did not stop with Jesus. His resurrection was just the beginning. Most people don't stop and consider this, but it was shocking for Jesus's followers to see his resurrection without also seeing the transformation of creation and the renewal of all things that we saw prophesied in Isaiah 65. They expected it all to happen at once, but we can now see that these promises are being fulfilled in stages over time.

~ Chris Bruno, *The Whole Story of the Bible in 16 Verses* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015), 107-110.

Acts 2:1-41

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:1-41

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?”

Acts 2:1-41

“⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Acts 2:1-41

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.
¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

Acts 2:1-41

¹⁷“ ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ [Joel 2:28-32]

Acts 2:1-41

²²“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

²⁵David said about him:

Acts 2:1-41

“ ‘I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ²⁶Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, ²⁷because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

[Psalm 16:8-11]

Acts 2:1-41

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

Acts 2:1-41

“ ‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand ³⁵until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” ’

[Psalm 110:1]

³⁶“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

Acts 2:1-41

³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

Acts 2:1-41

⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.



IMPLICATIONS

**Five huge
implications of
the resurrection
of Jesus Christ**



Arrivals

ONE:

He is the One they (and we) waited for



Arrivals

Acts 2:36

³⁶“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

TWO:
His new,
resurrected body
is the sample of
what ours will be



1 Corinthians 15:20

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.



THREE:

**The Cross
really worked**



1 Corinthians 15:54-58

⁵⁴When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

[Isaiah 25:8] ⁵⁵“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?” [Hosea 13:14]

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

[T]he law puts strength into sin in this respect-that *it will not abate one tittle of its stern demands*. It says to every man who breaks it, "I will not forgive you." You hear persons talk about God's mercy. Now, if they do not believe in the Gospel they must be under the law, but where in the law do we read of mercy? If you will read the commandments through, there is a curse after them, but there is no provision made for pardon. The law itself speaks not of that; it thunders out, without the slightest mitigation "the soul that sinneth it shall die." If any of you desire to be saved by works remember, one sin will spoil your righteousness; one speck of this earth's dross will spoil the beauty of that perfect righteousness which God requires at your hands...



First, Christ has taken away the strength of sin in this respect, *that he has removed the law*. We are not under bondage, but under grace. Law is not our directing principle, grace is. Do not misunderstand me. The principle that I must do a thing—that is to say, the principle of law, “do, or be punished; do, or be rewarded,” is not the motive of the Christian’s life; his principle is grace. “God has done so much for me, what ought I to do for him?” We are not Under the law in that sense but under grace.



Then Christ has removed the law in this sense, *that he has completely satisfied it.*

The law demands a perfect righteousness; “Christ says, “Law, thou hast it; find fault with me. I am the sinner’s substitute, have I not kept thy commandments? Wherein have I violated thy statutes?” “Come here, my beloved,” he says, and then he cries to Justice, “Find a fault in this man I have put my robe upon him; I have washed him in my blood. I have cleansed him; from his sin. All the past is gone;



as for the future, I have secured it by sanctification; as for the penalty, I have borne it myself; at one tremendous draught of love, I have drunk that man's destruction dry. I have borne what he should have suffered. I have endured the agonies he ought to have endured. Justice, have I not satisfied thee? Did I not say upon the tree, and didst thou not coincide with it, 'It is finished! it is finished!' Have I not made so complete an atonement that there is now no need for that man to die and expiate his guilt? Did I not complete the perfect righteousness of this poor once condemned but now, justified spirit?"

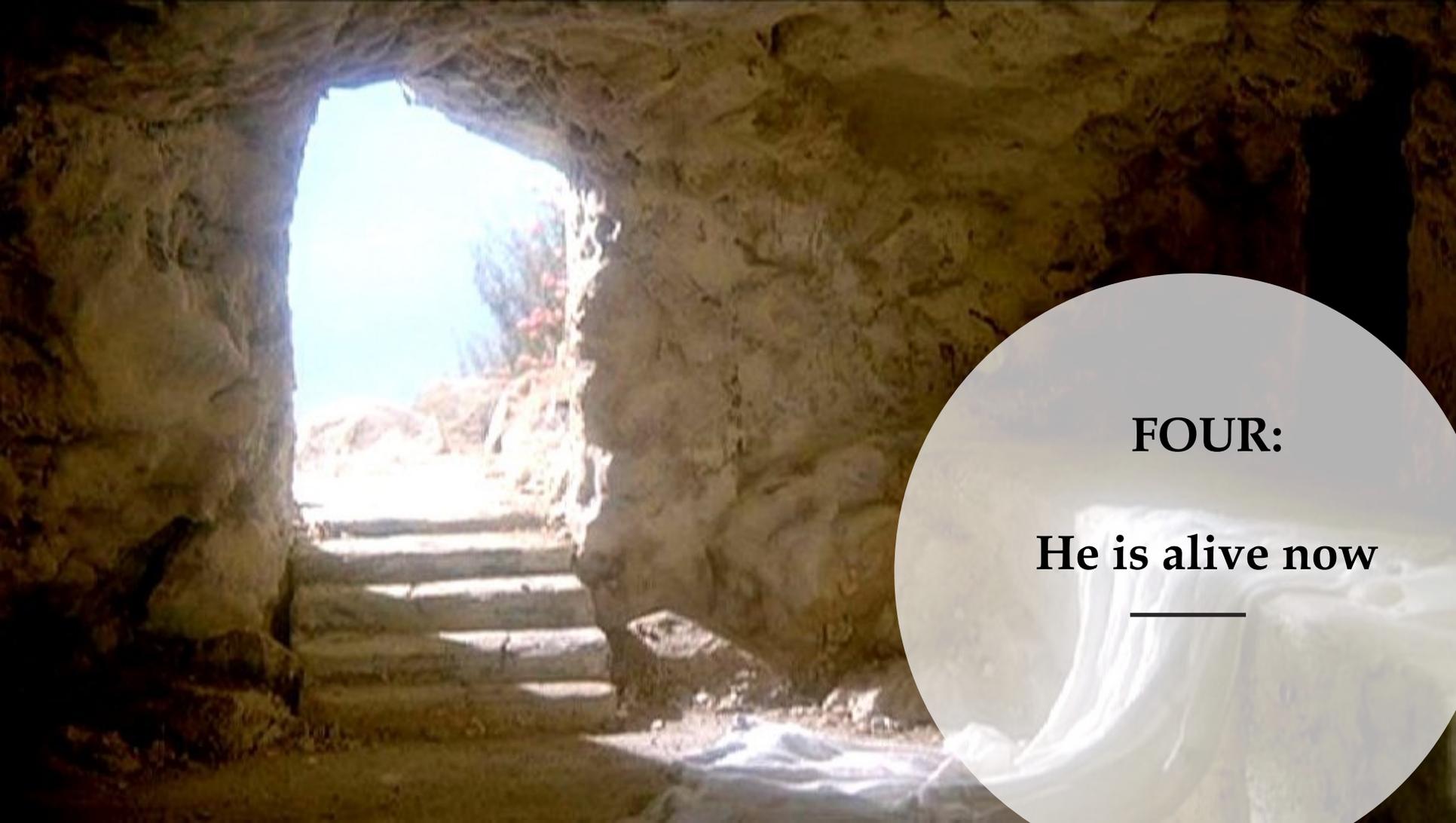




“Yes,” saith Justice, “I am well satisfied, and even more content, if possible, than if the sinner had brought a spotless righteousness of his own.



~ Charles Spurgeon, *Thoughts on the Last Battle*, a sermon preached on May 13, 1855 at New Park Street Church.



FOUR:

He is alive now



John 16:24

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.



FIVE:

**The same power that raised Jesus from the dead
is available to us right now**



¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead... (Ephesians 1:19-20)

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