

RESURRECTION 1996

(Mat 28:6 KJV) He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
(Mat 28:7 KJV) And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

1. HE IS NOT HERE; HE IS RISEN.
 1. ***Come and see.*** See for yourself. Experience it.
 2. ***Go and tell.***
 3. ***This is the essence of the gospel message.***

2. THE RESURRECTION CONSUMMATED GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION.
 1. ***God's plan for man.***
 1. To multiply and replenish the earth (with a righteous seed).
 2. To have dominion over the earth.
 3. To keep the garden, and not meant to keep all intruders out.
 2. ***Satan seeks to thwart God's plan.***
 1. A God didn't mean what he said. You won't surely die. God is just afraid you will become as He.@
 2. Adam relinquished his authority.
 3. ***God's desire to redeem man.***
 1. Buy back; provide purchase price; a ransom.
 2. The only sufficient price was God's own son. He was the only one worthy.
 4. ***Man's penalty was death.*** Someone had to pay the penalty of death. Jesus took our place. God's justice had to be served. There was no escaping. Blood had to be shed. The shedding of blood represented the ultimate sacrifice; the life is in the blood.

3. HAD JESUS NOT RISEN FROM THE DEAD...
 1. ***Death would have triumphed.*** There would never be any hope for anyone.
 2. ***If Jesus had not come up out of that grace, no one could have at any time.***
 3. ***Satan would have triumphed. Our faith would be in vain--eat, drink, and be merry.***

4. BUT JESUS DID COME UP OUT OF THE GRAVE!
 1. ***Death had no more hold on him!***
 2. ***Satan had been defeated!***
 3. ***The purpose of God had been fulfilled for redemption!***
 4. ***Jesus through death had delivered all who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.***
 5. ***Upon Jesus' resurrection the plan of redemption had been completed.***
 1. The demands of justice had been met.
 2. Upon Jesus' resurrection, the demands of justice having been met, God declared Jesus righteous, thereby fulfilling AHe who knew no sin became sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God.

1. If Jesus had not been declared righteous, we could not have.
 2. Jesus satisfied the debt; He had paid the ransom.
 6. ***In Jesus' death, the sins of the world weighed heavily upon him.***
 1. Had he not been raised, he would have remained under the heavy load of the curse of sin.
 2. Had he never been raised, we would never be raised.
 3. But he was raised, and we are raised up--to sit with Him in heavenly places.
 4. Death and sin has no more power over him; neither does it us.
 5. O death where is thy sting; o grave where is thy victory?
 7. ***Men of faith had hope of the resurrection.***
 1. David. You will not leave my soul in hell; neither will you allow you holy one to see corruption.
 2. Job. (Job 19:26 KJV) And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:
5. HOW DO WE KNOW HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD?
1. ***Just the same as we know He is the Son of God--we believe the Word of God.***
 2. ***Proof.***
 1. Witnesses.
 1. (1 Cor 15:3 KJV) For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; (1 Cor 15:4 KJV) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: (1 Cor 15:5 KJV) And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: (1 Cor 15:6 KJV) After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. (1 Cor 15:7 KJV) After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. (1 Cor 15:8 KJV) And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.
 2. (Acts 1:22 KJV) Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.
 3. (Acts 4:33 KJV) And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.
 2. If He is raised, so are we. We know that we have been raised. We know where we once were and where we are now.
 1. We've been changed by the power of God.
 2. We have been translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light.
 3. We know that we have passed from death unto life because of the love we have that wasn't there before.
6. HOW DO WE PREACH THE RESURRECTION TODAY?

1. Come and see; go and tell.
2. Declaring Him as a living God who is alive and real.
3. Demonstrating the power of the resurrection in His ability to transform lives.
4. Declaring the supernatural of God.
5. Declaring the hope of our own resurrection--that we plan to live beyond this life.

7. BEHOLDING THE TRIUMPHANT LAMB WHO IS WORTHY.

(Rev 5:1 KJV) And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. (Rev 5:2 KJV) And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? (Rev 5:3 KJV) And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. (Rev 5:4 KJV) And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. (Rev 5:5 KJV) And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. (Rev 5:6 KJV) And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. (Rev 5:7 KJV) And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. (Rev 5:8 KJV) And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. (Rev 5:9 KJV) And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; (Rev 5:10 KJV) And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. (Rev 5:11 KJV) And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; (Rev 5:12 KJV) Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. (Rev 5:13 KJV) And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. (Rev 5:14 KJV) And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

Worthy is the Lamb.

Holy is the Lamb.