

Outline for the Resurrection Bible Classes

4/2/23 Christ's Resurrection

Matthew 27:62-28:20, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20-21

1. **When:** He rose from the dead early on **Sunday** (after being in the tomb since Friday PM)
 - A. 3 days - He really was dead. Not just faking it.
 - B. To fulfill Scripture (3 days) Mt 12:39-40
2. **How:** What is the Efficient Cause?
 - A. **The Father raised Him from the dead.** Rom 6:4, Eph 1:20, Acts 2:24, 3:15, 4:10 etc
Acts 10:40-41 Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, ⁴¹not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, *even* to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.
 - B. **The Son raised Himself from the dead.** (shows that Godhead dwells in Christ Col 2:9)
John 2:19,21, Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days **I will raise it up.**" ... ²¹But He was speaking of the temple of His body.
John 10:17-18 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that **I may take it again.** ¹⁸"No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and **I have power to take it again.**
3. **What:** "that rises which has fallen"
 - A. **His very human body** received from Mary rose, not something different
John 20:19-20, 26-27 Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." ²⁰When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.... ²⁶And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" ²⁷Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."
 - B. **The attributes** of that risen body is different: spiritual, glorified body
Christ's eating and drinking (Acts 10:41, Luke 24) not for nourishment; not recirculating blood, etc.
4. Christ's Resurrected Body
 - A. **Three modes** AC VII
First: Comprehensive, corporeal mode, occupying space/time (from conception to His death)
Second: Incomprehensive, spiritual mode/invisible illocal mode (after his resurrection)
Closed tomb (Mt 28:2,6), closed room (Jn 20:19)
Third: Divine heavenly mode (on the Last Day)
 - B. **Humiliation/Exaltation** - Christ is no longer "with" His disciples (Lk 24:44-45). Thus, the situation has changed, from His state of humiliation(mode A) to exaltation(mode B).
Luke 24:39-45, "Behold **My hands and My feet**, that it is I Myself. **Handle Me and see**, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." ⁴⁰When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. ⁴¹But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" ⁴²So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³And **He took it and ate in their presence.**
⁴⁴Then He said to them, "These *are* the words which I spoke to you **while I was still with you**, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me." ⁴⁵And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

Additional References about Christ's human nature before and after the Resurrection:

FC SD VIII ²⁶ Hence also **the human nature has, after the resurrection from the dead**, its exaltation above all creatures in heaven and on earth. This is precisely that he has laid aside completely and entirely **the form of a servant** (without, however, laying aside the human nature, which he retains throughout eternity) and has been installed in the complete exercise and use of the divine majesty according to the assumed human nature. He had **this majesty** immediately at his conception even in his mother's womb, but, as the apostle testifies,² he laid it aside, and as Dr. Luther explains it,³ he kept it hidden during the state of his humiliation and did not use it at all times, but only when he wanted to. ²⁷ But now since he ascended into heaven, not just like some other saint but, in the words of the apostle (Eph. 4:10), far above all heavens that he might truly fill all things, he is everywhere present to rule, not only as God but also as man, from sea to sea and to the ends of the earth, as the prophets foretell (Ps. 8:6; 93:1; Zech. 9:10) and as the apostles testify that he worked with them everywhere and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it (Mark 16:20).

FC SD VIII ¹² **7.** We furthermore believe, teach, and confess that the assumed human nature in Christ not only possesses and retains its natural, essential properties but that in addition thereto, through the personal union with the deity and afterward through **the exaltation or glorification**, it has been elevated to the right hand of majesty, power, and might over every name that is named not only in this age but also in that which is to come.⁹ ¹³ **8.** But Christ did **not** receive this majesty, to which he was exalted according to his humanity, **only after his resurrection from the dead and his ascension**, but when he was conceived in his mother's womb and became man and when the divine and human nature were personally united.

“According to the second, temporal, human birth, the eternal power of God is also given to him — in a temporal way, however, and not from eternity. For the humanity of Christ has not, like the deity, existed from eternity, but according to our calendar Jesus the son of Mary is 1543 years old this year. But from the moment that the deity and the humanity were united in one person this man, Mary's son, is and is called the almighty and everlasting God, who by virtue of the exchange of qualities has eternal power and has created and preserved everything because he is one person with the deity and is true God. This is what he means when he says, ‘**All things have been delivered to me by my Father**’ (Matt. 11:27), and ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me’ (Matt. 28:18). What ‘me’? **To me, Jesus of Nazareth, Mary's son, born a human being. From eternity I have this authority from the Father before I became man**, but when I became man I received it in time according to the humanity and **concealed it until my resurrection** and ascension, when it was to have been revealed and demonstrated, as St. Paul says, ‘He is designated the Son of God in power’ (Rom. 1:4), and John calls it ‘glorified’ (John 7:39; 17:10).”

FC Ep VIII ³⁹ **20.** They **misinterpret and blasphemously** pervert the words of Christ, “All authority has been given to me” (Matt. 28:18), **to mean that in the resurrection and his ascension all power in heaven and on earth was restored or again returned to Christ according to the divine nature**, as though in the state of humiliation he had laid it aside and forsaken it even according to his deity. This doctrine not only perverts the words of Christ's testament, but it opens a way for the accursed Arian heresy. Hence, unless we refute these errors on the firm basis of the divine Word and our simple Christian faith, we shall finally have Christ's eternal deity denied and we shall lose Christ altogether along with our salvation.

5. The Effect: Christ's Resurrection Shows:
 - A. That **He was the Son of God**
Romans 1:4 "...and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.
 - B. That **He defeated death, the devil, sin:** "Afterward he rose again from the dead, swallowed up {*Isa 25:8*} and devoured death, and finally ascended into heaven and assumed dominion at the right hand of the Father. The devil and all powers, therefore, must be subject to him and lie beneath his feet until finally, at the last day, he will completely divide and separate us from the wicked world, the devil, death, sin, etc." LC II
 - C. That **Christ is the Savior and His doctrine is true: Christ's resurrection is a witness that the forgiveness of sins is received freely for Christ's sake, through faith.** (as is Christ's death, the Holy Spirit, and the whole church) Ap IV
John 8:28 Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and *that* I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.
 - D. That **Christ's Sacrifice Was Accepted as the Atonement (Payment for the World)**
 However the world is not justified-reconciled apart from faith in Christ (Objective Justification)
Romans 4:24-25, "but also for us. It shall be **imputed to us who believe** in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.
Romans 5:10 For if when **we** were enemies we were reconciled to God **through the death** of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved **by His life.**
 1 Corinthians 15:17 And if Christ is not risen, **your faith** is futile; you are still in your sins!
6. Why did the Christ appear over a period of 40 days?
 - A. **Confirms the fact of His resurrection** (as there were no witnesses)
Acts 1:3 "...to whom He also **presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs**, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.
1 Corinthians 15:4-8 ...and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and **that He was seen by** Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.
 - B. Acts 1:3b "...**speaking of thing pertaining to the Kingdom of God.**" (His person/office)
 Luke 24:25-27, Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶"Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" ²⁷And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.
 - C. **To Command his apostles** to preach the Gospel in all the world (Mark 16:15, Luke 24:46-47, FC SD V).
7. The Resurrection in General (Christ and all people's)
 - A. The Scriptures clearly teach it in NT and OT
 1. NT Jn 5:28-29, 6:39-40, Mk 12:18-27 1 Thes 4:16, 1 Cor 15; 2 Cor 5:10
 2. OT Gen 3:15, Exodus 3:6, "Moreover He said, "I *am* the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Matthew 22:29-32 "Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. ³⁰"For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven. ³¹"But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, ³²"I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." (Mt 22:29-32)

- B. Human reason doubts it (1 Cor 15:35) but even ridicules it (Acts 17:32)
1. FC SD VII Some wanted to become righteous and to be saved by the works of the law (Acts 15:1-5, 10, 24); **some denied the resurrection of the dead (1 Cor. 15:12)**; and others even denied that Christ was eternal and true God.
 2. James 2:19 the devils believe Christ suffered and rose again. True or false?
 3. Not the knowledge of God (1 Cor 15:35) and “You know not the power of God” Mt 22:29
8. Faith trusts in the Person and Work of the Resurrection
- A. **Person:** Our Faith is in God, who raised Jesus up (Rom 4:24)
- B. **Work:** Our Faith is the fact that “God has raised him from the dead” (Rom10:9)
- FC SD III ⁹ Concerning **the righteousness of faith before God** we believe, teach, and confess unanimously, in accord with the summary formulation of our Christian faith and confession described above,⁸ that a **poor sinner is justified before God** (that is, he is absolved and declared utterly free from all his sins, and from the verdict of well deserved damnation, and is adopted as a child of God and an heir of eternal life) without any merit or worthiness on our part, and without any preceding, present, or subsequent works, by sheer grace, **solely through the merit** of the total obedience, the bitter passion, the death, and **the resurrection of Christ, our Lord**, whose obedience is reckoned to us as righteousness.
9. Rejection of the Resurrection makes saving faith impossible
- 2 Timothy 2:18-19** who **have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.** ¹⁹Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”
- 1 Timothy 1:19-20** having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, **concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck**, ²⁰of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.
10. Christ’s resurrection imparts to believers our own resurrection
- John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶“And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”
- John 14:19 A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-22, “But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.
- Colossians 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, **the firstborn from the dead**, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

LC 59 All this, then, is **the office and work of the Holy Spirit**, to begin and daily to increase holiness on earth **through these two means**, the Christian church and the forgiveness of sins. Then, **when we pass from this life, he will instantly perfect our holiness and will eternally preserve us in it** by means of the last two parts of this article.

Holy Spirit’s work, Christ’s Resurrection and then later **Our Resurrection**

Answer: Just as **the Son obtains dominion** by purchasing us through his birth, death, and **resurrection**, etc., so **the Holy Spirit** effects our sanctification through the following: the communion of saints or Christian church, the forgiveness of sins, **the resurrection of the body**, and the life everlasting. In other words, he first leads us into his holy community, placing us upon the bosom of the church, where he preaches to us and brings us to Christ. FC Epitome I Original Sin