

SERMON SERIES: *It Is Finished!*  
SERMON TITLE: *Jesus's Resurrection*  
SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:1-11

***BIG IDEA:* Through Jesus's Resurrection, God UNLEASHED his resurrection power into the world.**

**#1 The power of evil is NO MATCH for God's resurrection power!**

- Jesus's arrest, trial, and death was the **greatest act of injustice** in the history of the world. When you understand who Jesus was and then consider what evil, sin, and death did to Jesus, it is just absolutely horrendous beyond what words can describe.
- Little did evil know that it was not destroying God's power in Jesus, but instead, paving the way for the greatness of God's power over evil to be demonstrated and broadcasted.
- Jesus's resurrection demonstrated God's power over all those forces that oppose him.

**#2 Jesus EARNED resurrection power.**

**A. How Jesus earned resurrection power**

**1. Jesus's perfect life earned resurrection power.**

- Romans 6:23 states that the "the wages of sin is death", which means that the wage of a perfect life is eternal life.
- Jesus was the only person in human history that perfectly obeyed God in thought, word, and deed, and therefore, he is the only person who earned God's resurrection power.
- Death could not keep Jesus in its grip because sin is what keeps a person in death's grip and Jesus had none. Jesus earned resurrection power through his perfect life. [Acts 2:24](#)

**B. What Jesus's resurrection power consisted of.**

**1. Jesus's resurrection power consisted of his own resurrection.**

- Jesus was resurrected to new life in a glorified physical body no longer subject to decay and death

**2. Jesus's resurrection power consisted of ultimate authority over the entire universe.**

- [Ephesians 1:20](#) tells us that after his resurrection and his appearance to many people over the course of 40 days, Jesus ascended to heaven and God crowned Jesus as King by giving him ultimate authority over the entire universe.

**3. Jesus's resurrection power consisted of the ability to dispense resurrection power to others.**

- [Acts 2:33](#) tells us that God rewarded Jesus by giving him the Holy Spirit to dispense. [Romans 8:11](#) tells us that it is the same Holy Spirit that resurrected Jesus. The Holy Spirit is God's resurrection power and now it is Jesus's to give to others.

**#3 Through repentance and faith in Jesus, WE CAN EXPERIENCE RESURRECTION!**

**Acts 2:38**

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**A. In these verses, Peter tells his audience to "repent."**

- Repentance means OWNING the fact that you are guilty of rejecting God as your greatest love and that you haven't loved others with the same intensity by which you love yourself and being truly REMORSEFUL because of it.

**B. Next Peter said "be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ."**

- When a person is baptized, they are publicly professing that they have ENTRUSTED their life to Jesus. More specifically, they have decided to trust that Jesus lived the perfect life they should have but couldn't and died the death that their sin deserved so that they could be forgiven and accepted by God.

C. Peter told his audience that when a person makes the decision to trust Jesus, a decision that is made public through baptism, the Holy Spirit, **God's resurrection power, becomes theirs!**

## #4 Resurrection is both a FUTURE PROMISE and a PRESENT REALITY!

A. Resurrection is a future promise!

### 1. Resurrected glorified body

- Paul tells us in [1 Corinthians 15:23](#) that those who are united to Christ through repentance and faith will be resurrected at Christ's coming, meaning at his return. Christ will do to us what God the Father did to him...raise our physical body to new life.
- However, our resurrected body, like Jesus's resurrected body, and unlike our bodies now, will be raised, as [1 Corinthians 15:42-44](#) tells us:
  - **Imperishable**...that is a body that doesn't get sick, decay, and die.
  - **Powerful**...that is no longer subject to stress, fatigue, and weakness
  - **Spiritual**...meaning always in tune, in alignment, always thinking, speaking, and acting in God honoring ways.
  - **Glorious**...beautiful, attractive, breathtaking.
- In [Romans 8:18](#), Paul declares our future resurrected bodies will be so glorious that even tremendous suffering in this life can't compare with the immensity of glory that will be ours.

### 2. Resurrected glorified universe

- In [1 Corinthians 15:24-28](#), Paul states that those who are united to Christ will be will also be raised to live in a renewed world that no longer contains anything that opposes God. All the things of death will have been destroyed and God will be "all in all."

- Commentators tell you that the phrase “all in all” is a phrase Paul uses in his letters to make the point that God’s resurrection power will come to the whole sphere of creation so that there will not be one square inch of the universe where God’s will doesn’t reign supreme.<sup>1</sup>
- Or you could say, as Paul states in [Romans 8](#), at last, the creation, which is currently groaning under the weight of the curse of sin and death, will be liberated from it’s bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of being ruled by God’s children in a way that leads to creation’s flourishing and not destruction.
- God’s resurrection power that was unleashed at Jesus’s resurrection will spread to the bodies of God’s people and then to the entire world creating the life we’ve always wanted in the body we’ve always wanted in the world we’ve always wanted under the rule of a King we’ve always wanted.

## B. Resurrection is a present reality!

### 1. New Heart

- The prophet [Ezekiel](#) spoke about the time when God would remove the hearts of stone from people that were dead to God, unresponsive to his leading, and divided in their allegiances and give them a new heart of flesh that was alive to God, sensitive to his will, and fully devoted to God

### 2. New Spirit

- The prophet [Ezekiel](#) also stated that God would give his people a new Spirit. We know from the New Testament that this new Spirit, is the Holy Spirit, that takes up permanent residence in the Christian the moment they repent and believe. Again, this is the same Spirit that created the world and raised Jesus from the dead. This means that the Christian is filled with an unrivaled, unmatched power to actually live the godly life that their new heart desires them to live.

### 3. New Habits

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<sup>1</sup> *The First Epistle to the Corinthians* by Gordon D. Fee p. 760.

- A new heart and a new spirit naturally lead to new habits [2 Peter 2:1-4](#). Because we have God's divine power pulsating through us, godly thoughts, words, and actions increasingly become natural and automatic to us. What's more...we also develop habits that train us in godliness.
  - Bible study and mediation
  - Prayer
  - Corporate worship

#### **4. New community**

- Experiencing resurrection as a present reality also means being raised to life in a new community...the body of Christ...the church. This new community that we belong to consists of individuals that have been, just like us, resurrected by the Holy Spirit. We are given the desire to love and serve the members of this community and we have the desire to be loved and served by them.

#### **5. New purpose**

- Experiencing resurrection as a present reality also means a new purpose, or relationship with the world. We become Christ's ambassadors to it. We tell about resurrection in Jesus and call people to repent and believe. We work and serve in the world in such a way that we become a foretaste of God's future resurrection when God reigns supreme over every facet of society.

#### **6. New identity**

- A new heart, a new spirit, new habits, a new community to belong to, and a new purpose to live for...is a completely new identity. God's resurrection power is so powerful, it doesn't just do some patch work to our already existing life, but rather, totally guts and remodels our existing life and makes it completely new.

## Discussion Guide

1. What aspect of Jesus's trial and crucifixion do you find most disturbing?
2. In what ways did Jesus's resurrection demonstrate God's power over evil?
3. Why couldn't death hold Jesus?
4. Why is it good news that God raised Jesus to a position of ultimate authority over the universe?
5. Have you repented and entrusted your life to Jesus?
6. What characteristic of a resurrected glorified body most excites you?
7. What aspect of a resurrected glorified universe most excites you?
8. How have you experienced resurrection in your heart, habits, relationships, and purpose in the world?
9. In what area of your life do you still need God's resurrection power to come?
10. How can you do your work in a way that brings God's future into the present in a substantial way?
11. Who has God put in your life that you need to call to repentance and faith in Jesus?