



There are many miraculous events concerning the life and death of Jesus.

- Born of a virgin
- Lived a perfect life
- Died an innocent death
- Buried in another man's tomb

But today we celebrate the most miraculous and the one that affects the eternity of all people.

And that is the resurrection of Christ.

Today we will see that Jesus Rose So We Could Live.

For those of you who already understand this,

You know that your eternity with God is secure.

For those who have not yet come to this understanding, may today be the day that you enter into a brand new relationship with God, unlike what you ever thought it could be.

So let's go to where it all happened.

Lu 24:1 *But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.*

v.2 *And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,*

v.3 *but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.*

Something miraculous happened. Jesus conquered death and rose from the tomb.

Now;

Even though Jesus told them this would happen when He was alive, it seemed to have escaped their memory.

Mk 8:31 *And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.*

We often don't hear the good news when it follows bad news.

v.4 *While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.*

v.5 *And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"*

v.6 *He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,*

v.7 *that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."*

Question:

Why did God plan this and why did Jesus have to go through all of this?

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Jesus said;

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. Jn 10:10

"abundantly" to super abound excessive

Ie.

I came to give you a life that exceeds anything you could get anywhere else or from anyone else.

Not "stuff" more abundantly but life more abundantly

What is it that makes up life?

- Joy
- Contentment
- Fulfillment
- Security
- Purpose
- Love

These are some of the things that make life worth living and Christ came that we would abound in them.

But it doesn't stop there.

It actually carries us into eternity.

Heb 7:25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

The Apostle Peter said;

be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

II Pe 1:10-11

Now;

This is all good news, but wait;

With all that Jesus said and did, there is still a mystery about man.

Jesus said, actually to religious people:

Jn 5:40 you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.

A.T. Robertson (Greek word scholar)

Said; "This is the tragedy of the rejection of Messiah..."

Another preacher of old; Joseph Parker said;

"Congregations have an infinite appetite for parables, but the applications are not so popular.

But when a person says; 'That was meant for me, it was a personal appeal'

He says,

'That is the only preaching worth hearing.'"

Finally;

We have this book, the Bible, the Holy Bible.

God's Word to us.

John ends his epistle with this encouragement:

Jn 20:30 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

v.31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Will you believe and let Him give you His superabounding life?

That's why Jesus rose, so we could live.

NEXT TIME

"The Power Of Doubt"