



*The Power of
the Resurrection*

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➤ ISAIAH 53:10 YET **IT PLEASED THE LORD** TO BRUISE HIM; HE HAS PUT *HIM* TO GRIEF. WHEN YOU **MAKE HIS SOUL AN OFFERING FOR SIN**, HE SHALL SEE *HIS* SEED, HE SHALL PROLONG *HIS* DAYS, AND THE PLEASURE OF THE LORD SHALL PROSPER IN HIS HAND.

- MATTHEW 10:28 AND DO NOT FEAR THOSE WHO KILL THE BODY BUT CANNOT KILL THE SOUL. BUT RATHER **FEAR HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DESTROY BOTH SOUL AND BODY IN HELL.**
- LUKE 12:5 BUT **I WILL SHOW YOU WHOM YOU SHOULD FEAR:** FEAR HIM WHO, AFTER **HE** HAS KILLED, **HAS POWER TO CAST INTO HELL;** YES, I SAY TO YOU, FEAR HIM

- JOHN 3:3 JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID TO HIM, “MOST ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU, **UNLESS ONE IS BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**
- ROMANS 10:9 THAT IF YOU **CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH THE LORD JESUS** AND **BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED**

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A. THE RESURRECTED CHRIST DRIVES OUT FEAR.

- **MATTHEW 28:1–10** NOW AFTER THE SABBATH, AS THE **FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK** BEGAN TO DAWN, MARY MAGDALENE AND THE OTHER MARY **CAME TO SEE THE TOMB.** ² AND BEHOLD, THERE WAS A GREAT EARTHQUAKE; FOR AN ANGEL OF THE LORD DESCENDED FROM HEAVEN, AND CAME AND ROLLED BACK THE STONE FROM THE DOOR, AND SAT ON IT.

A. The Resurrected Christ Drives out Fear

- MATTHEW 28:3–6 HIS COUNTENANCE WAS LIKE LIGHTNING, AND HIS CLOTHING AS WHITE AS SNOW. ⁴ AND THE GUARDS SHOOK FOR FEAR OF HIM, AND BECAME LIKE DEAD *MEN*. ⁵ BUT THE ANGEL ANSWERED AND SAID TO THE WOMEN, “**DO NOT BE AFRAID**, FOR I KNOW THAT **YOU SEEK JESUS** WHO WAS CRUCIFIED. ⁶ **HE IS NOT HERE; FOR HE IS RISEN, AS HE SAID**. COME, SEE THE PLACE WHERE THE LORD LAY.

A. The Resurrected Christ Drives out Fear

- MATTHEW 28:7-9 AND GO QUICKLY AND TELL HIS DISCIPLES THAT HE IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, AND INDEED **HE IS GOING BEFORE YOU INTO GALILEE**; THERE **YOU WILL SEE HIM**. BEHOLD, I HAVE TOLD YOU. ⁸ **So THEY WENT OUT QUICKLY FROM THE TOMB WITH FEAR AND GREAT JOY**, AND RAN TO BRING HIS DISCIPLES WORD. ⁹ AND AS THEY WENT TO TELL HIS DISCIPLES, BEHOLD, **JESUS MET THEM**, SAYING, “REJOICE!” SO **THEY CAME AND HELD HIM BY THE FEET AND WORSHIPED Him.**

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A. THE RESURRECTED CHRIST DRIVES OUT FEAR.

- MATTHEW 28:10 THEN JESUS SAID TO THEM,
“**DO NOT BE AFRAID. GO AND TELL** MY
BRETHREN TO GO TO GALILEE, AND THERE
THEY WILL SEE ME.

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A. THE RESURRECTED CHRIST DRIVES OUT FEAR.

- 2 TIMOTHY 1:7–8 FOR **GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT OF POWER AND OF LOVE AND OF A SOUND MIND.** ⁸ THEREFORE DO NOT BE **ASHAMED** OF THE TESTIMONY OF OUR LORD, NOR OF ME HIS PRISONER, BUT **SHARE WITH ME IN THE SUFFERINGS** FOR THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE POWER OF GOD.

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B. THE RESURRECTED CHRIST REMOVES ALL DOUBTS.

- JOHN 20:26-31 AND 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!".

B. The Resurrected Christ Removes All Doubts

- JOHN 20:27-29 THEN 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 ([APSITOS], WITHOUT FAITH), BUT BELIEVING.**” ²⁸ AND THOMAS ANSWERED AND SAID TO HIM, “**MY LORD AND MY GOD!**” ²⁹ JESUS SAID TO HIM, “THOMAS, BECAUSE YOU HAVE SEEN ME, YOU HAVE BELIEVED. **BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET HAVE BELIEVED.**”

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B. THE RESURRECTED CHRIST REMOVES ALL DOUBTS.

- JOHN 20:30-31 AND TRULY JESUS DID MANY OTHER SIGNS IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS DISCIPLES, WHICH ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK; ³¹ BUT **THESE ARE WRITTEN THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE** THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, AND **THAT BELIEVING YOU MAY HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME.**

A wooden cross stands on a dark, rocky mountain peak. A dotted orange line forms a circle around the cross. In the background, there are snow-capped mountains under a clear blue sky.

IF WE WANT PROOF OF GOD'S LOVE FOR
US, THEN WE MUST LOOK FIRST AT THE
CROSS WHERE GOD OFFERED UP HIS SON
AS A SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS.

CALVARY IS THE ONE OBJECTIVE, ABSOLUTE,
IRREFUTABLE PROOF OF GOD'S LOVE FOR US.

Jerry Bridges

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C. THE RESURRECTED RESTORES THE UNFAITHFUL.

- **JOHN 21:10–22** JESUS SAID TO THEM, “BRING SOME OF THE FISH WHICH YOU HAVE JUST CAUGHT.” ¹¹
SIMON PETER WENT UP AND DRAGGED THE NET TO LAND, FULL OF LARGE FISH, ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE; AND ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SO MANY, THE NET WAS NOT BROKEN.

C. The Resurrected Restores the Unfaithful

- JOHN 21:12–14 JESUS SAID TO THEM, “COME AND EAT BREAKFAST.” YET NONE OF THE DISCIPLES DARED ASK HIM, “WHO ARE YOU?”—**KNOWING THAT IT WAS THE LORD.** ¹³ JESUS THEN CAME AND TOOK THE BREAD AND GAVE IT TO THEM, AND LIKEWISE THE FISH. ¹⁴ THIS IS NOW THE THIRD TIME JESUS **SHOWED HIMSELF TO HIS DISCIPLES AFTER HE WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD.**

C. The Resurrected Restores the Unfaithful

- JOHN 21:15-16 SO WHEN THEY HAD EATEN BREAKFAST, JESUS SAID TO SIMON PETER, “SIMON, SON OF JONAH, **DO YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN THESE?**” HE SAID TO HIM, “**YES, LORD;** YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU.” HE SAID TO HIM, “**FEED MY LAMBS.**” ¹⁶ HE SAID TO HIM AGAIN A SECOND TIME, “SIMON, SON OF JONAH, **DO YOU LOVE ME?**” HE SAID TO HIM, “**YES, LORD;** YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU.” HE SAID TO HIM, “**TEND MY SHEEP.**”

C. The Resurrected Restores the Unfaithful

- JOHN 21:17 HE SAID TO HIM THE THIRD TIME, “SIMON, SON OF JONAH, DO YOU LOVE ME?” PETER WAS GRIEVED BECAUSE HE SAID TO HIM THE THIRD TIME, “DO YOU LOVE ME?” AND HE SAID TO HIM, “LORD, YOU KNOW ALL THINGS; YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU.” JESUS SAID TO HIM, “FEED MY SHEEP.

C. The Resurrected Restores the Unfaithful

- JOHN 21:18-19 MOST ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU, WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER, YOU GIRDED YOURSELF AND WALKED WHERE YOU WISHED; BUT WHEN YOU ARE OLD, YOU WILL STRETCH OUT YOUR HANDS, AND ANOTHER WILL GIRD YOU AND CARRY YOU WHERE YOU DO NOT WISH.” ¹⁹ THIS HE SPOKE, SIGNIFYING BY WHAT DEATH HE WOULD GLORIFY GOD. AND WHEN HE HAD SPOKEN THIS, HE SAID TO HIM, “**FOLLOW ME.**”

C. The Resurrected Restores the Unfaithful

- JOHN 21:20-21 THEN PETER, TURNING AROUND, SAW THE DISCIPLE WHOM JESUS LOVED FOLLOWING, WHO ALSO HAD LEANED ON HIS BREAST AT THE SUPPER, AND SAID, “LORD, WHO IS THE ONE WHO BETRAYS YOU?” ²¹ PETER, SEEING HIM, SAID TO JESUS, “BUT LORD, WHAT ABOUT THIS MAN?” ²² JESUS SAID TO HIM, “IF I WILL THAT HE REMAIN TILL I COME, WHAT IS THAT TO YOU? **You FOLLOW ME.**”

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D. THE RESURRECTED CHRIST COMMISSIONS HIS FOLLOWERS TO LIVE ON MISSION— MAKE DISCIPLES!

- MATTHEW 28:16–18 THEN THE ELEVEN DISCIPLES WENT AWAY INTO GALILEE, TO THE MOUNTAIN WHICH JESUS HAD APPOINTED FOR THEM. ¹⁷ **WHEN THEY SAW HIM, THEY WORSHIPED HIM**; BUT SOME DOUBTED. ¹⁸ AND JESUS CAME AND SPOKE TO THEM, SAYING, “**ALL AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME** IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH.

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D. THE RESURRECTED CHRIST COMMISSIONS HIS FOLLOWERS TO LIVE ON MISSION— MAKE DISCIPLES!

- MATTHEW 28:19–20 Go THEREFORE AND **MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS**, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ²⁰ TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU; AND **LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS**, *EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE.*” AMEN.

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D. THE RESURRECTED CHRIST COMMISSIONS HIS FOLLOWERS TO LIVE ON MISSION— MAKE DISCIPLES!

- ACTS 1:6–7 THEREFORE, WHEN THEY HAD COME TOGETHER, THEY ASKED HIM, SAYING, “LORD, WILL YOU AT THIS TIME RESTORE THE KINGDOM TO ISRAEL?”⁷ AND HE SAID TO THEM, “IT IS **NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW TIMES OR SEASONS** WHICH THE FATHER HAS PUT IN HIS OWN AUTHORITY.

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D. THE RESURRECTED CHRIST COMMISSIONS HIS FOLLOWERS TO LIVE ON MISSION— MAKE DISCIPLES!

- ACTS 1:8 BUT YOU SHALL RECEIVE **POWER** WHEN **THE HOLY SPIRIT** HAS COME UPON YOU; **AND YOU SHALL BE WITNESSES TO ME** IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH.”