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Sunday, March 31, 2013

**“WHY EASTER MATTERS”**

(Matthew 28:1-10)

This weekend over a billion people will celebrate Easter all around the world. How is it something could happen two thousand years ago, approximately, and still draw crowds of people today? Why is Easter and the story of Jesus raised from the dead a big deal?

**WHAT DOES THE RESURRECTION MEAN?**

**1. Jesus is who He \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me” (John 14:6, NASB).*

**2. Jesus shows He \_\_\_\_\_ He claimed to have.**

*“All power is given unto Me in Heaven and on earth” (Matthew 28:18, KJV).*

**3. Jesus does \_\_\_\_\_ to do.**

*“Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said” (Matthew 28:5-6, NASB).*

**WHY DOES THE RESURRECTION MATTER?**

**1. My past can be \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross” (Colossians 2:14, NLT).*

**2. My present problems \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength” (Philippians 4:13, NLT).*

### 3. My future \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Peter 1:3, NIV).*

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#### **WHAT DOES THE RESURRECTION MEAN?**

##### **1. Jesus is who He claimed to be.**

*“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though He dies” (John 11:25, NASB).*

*“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me” (John 14:6, NASB).*

##### **2. Jesus shows He had the power He claimed to have.**

*“All power is given unto Me in Heaven and on earth” (Matthew 28:18, KJV).*

*“No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again” (John 10:18, NLT).*

##### **3. Jesus does what He promises to do.**

*“Who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise” (Mark 10:34, NIV).*

*“Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said”* (Matthew 28:5-6, NASB).

## **WHY DOES THE RESURRECTION MATTER?**

### **1. My past can be forgiven.**

*“He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross”* (Colossians 2:14, NLT).

*“There is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus”* (Romans 8:1, NLT).

### **2. My present problems can be managed.**

*“I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms”* (Ephesians 1:19-20, NLT).

*“For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength”* (Philippians 4:13, NLT).

### **3. My future can be secure.**

*“This is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth”* (John 17:3, NLT).

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”* (1 Peter 1:3, NIV).