

RISEN.

WHAT THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION HAS SECURED

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How Jesus's Resurrection Develops our Confidence in God John 11

Jesus declares, provides, and guarantees...

John 11: 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, **26** and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

...bodily restoration and uninterrupted life with God...

John 6:40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

...to all who respond to him in loyal trust.

John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

Jesus's resurrection provides ultimate confirmation of this final reality --- Everything Jesus has said about himself, his power, and promises *is true!*

Matt. 28:1 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went 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 and sat on it. **3** His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. **4** And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. **5** But the angel 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 has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

John 10:18 No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

Reflection/Discussion

“Do you believe this?”

John 11:27 [Martha] said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

John 20:30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; **31** but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Jesus’s claims, promises, and question are just as important today as when he spoke to Martha.

1. If you’ve yet to trust Jesus for his resurrection power and promise of life with God, what prevents you from doing so? What questions, if answered, would address those obstacles for you? Feel free to email the elders and pastors of VBC (elders@vbc.online or admin@vbc.online) for help on your journey of faith.
2. If you have given Jesus your trust and loyalty, resurrection and life with God are yours! How does future resurrection free you from fear in your day-to-day life? How does being relationally alive to God free you from guilt, shame, anxiety, and despair; and instead provide joy, hope, and security?

SONGS

“SHOUT HOSANNA”

“GLORIOUS DAY”

“LIVING HOPE”

“IN CHRIST ALONE”

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WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,985.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$ 435,179.18
Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$ 517,790.00

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