

RAISED TO LIFE

Romans 4:25

- Jesus was killed.
- Jesus died because of our sins.
- It was God who delivered Jesus up to die.
- Jesus was raised to life.
- Jesus was raised because of our justification.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Romans 4:25 tells us that Jesus was killed. Knowing how gruesome crucifixion was, how does Luke 14:27 take on new significance? How can people see this verse in your life?
2. Read Isaiah 8:12-13. What does this tell us about our fear? How can this verse encourage us?
3. Can you explain the doctrine of penal substitutionary atonement? What is the significance of each of those words? (see Isa 53:5; John 1:29; 2 Cor 5:21; Gal 3:13; 1 Pet 3:18).
4. Do you have a hard or difficult time understanding how it is that God delivered Jesus over to death? Why? Consider Romans John 10:18, Romans 8:32, Isaiah 53:6, Acts 2:23, Acts 4:27-28, and 1 John 3:16 in answering this question.
5. What gives you confidence in Jesus' historical resurrection from the dead?
6. What does it mean that Jesus was raised from the dead because of our justification? How does this change your perspective of the resurrection and give you confidence?
7. What about Romans 4:25 encourages you the most?

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"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. . . . Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle