

# THE RESURRECTION REVELATION

## WHEN THE GREATNESS OF HIS POWER WAS REVEALED

*"that ye may know ... what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,..."*

*~ Ephesians 1:18-19*

### 1. The Importance of Resurrection

- a. The resurrection of Christ is at the center of Christian faith.
- b. There is no Christianity nor salvation without it - 1 Cor 15:14-17
- c. 80% of Americans celebrate Easter, more believe he resurrected than he was God.
- d. Most do not understand why it matters, why it is important (missing the power of God)
- e. When was the resurrection understood? When was its power revealed?

### 2. Resurrection Before the Cross

- a. Dead people come back to life in the Bible. A book of resurrection.
- b. The resurrection of Christ foretold in the garden of Eden (yet unknown) - Gen 3:15
- c. Abel's blood cried from the ground (death is not the end) - Gen 4:10
- d. Abraham believed God would raise up Isaac - Heb 11:17-19, Gen 12:3
- e. Job looked forward to it - Job 14:14, 19:25-27
- f. Moses heard the God of resurrection and life - Exo 3:6, Mark 12:26-27
- g. Hannah, pregnant with Samuel, knew it was real - 1 Sam 2:6
- h. The prophets spoke of the resurrection of Christ - Isa 26:19, Isa 53:8-12, Ps 16:10

### 3. Resurrection of Christ

- a. Jesus raises dead men - Luke 7:11-14, 8:49-46, Matt 27:50-53, 12:39-40
- b. His resurrection a sign he was Messiah/Christ/Son of God - John 2:18-22, 11:23-26
- c. Jesus mentions his resurrection, his own disciples were ignorant of it - Mark 9:30-32
- d. A day of confusion, fear, disbelief, doubt, and reproof - Mark 16:5-14

### 4. Resurrection Witness

- a. The disciples knew he was Son of God after believing his resurrection - John 20:28
- b. They were ordained to witness his resurrection - Acts 1:22
- c. Israel sinned in killing him, but he broke free of death - Acts 2:22-24
- d. Their ministry was a witness to his resurrection - Acts 2:30-33, 36

### 5. Resurrection Revealed

- a. Resurrection was prophesied, Jesus raised was preached, but what did it accomplish?
- b. He delivered from the power of death - Heb 2:14-15, gave a lively hope - 1 Pet 1:3
- c. His resurrection meant the atonement for sins was complete - 1 Cor 15:17, Rom 5:11
- d. He raised from the dead to offer salvation hope not possible before - 1 Tim 2:5
- e. You can be declared righteous by faith because of his resurrection - Rom 4:25, 2Co 5:21
- f. His resurrection now provides exceeding great power - Eph 1:19-20, 2:6-7
- g. Your identity is changed because of the resurrection - Rom 6:4-5
- h. Walking after the Spirit only possible by resurrection power - Rom 8:1, 11
- i. Life and immortality brought to light after his resurrection to Paul - 2 Tim 1:8-11
- j. The risen Christ revealed to Paul the power/purpose of his resurrection - 2 Tim 2:8