

## There Will Be No More Death

John 20

During the last three weeks, I decided to note the times and events in which *death* became relevant in my life. Here's my list...

Death is terrible. It's an enemy. It's a monster. *"The last enemy to be destroyed is death."* (1 Cor 15:26)

Three basic yet tremendously important questions will guide us today:

### (1) What happened on Easter? (Resurrection Day)

1. *Jesus lives... in our hearts.* [wrong answer, see Matt 28, Luke 24, John 20, etc.]
2. *Jesus has reappeared as a spirit, a ghost!* [wrong answer, see Luke 24:37-39]
3. *Jesus has risen... bodily! Physically!* [good answer, again see John 20, etc.]
4. *Jesus has risen bodily! Physically! But he's changed in some ways...* [the best answer, see John 20:19, 27; 1 Cor 15:42-49]

### (2) What did the Resurrection mean? (concerning Jesus himself)

1. *Vindication.* It shows that Jesus was innocent– *completely* innocent.
  - "You, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead... because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him." -Peter at Pentecost (Acts 2:23-24)
  - On Easter, God the Father *overruled* a monstrous injustice.
2. *Exaltation.* Jesus' physical body and earthly honors have been seriously upgraded!
  - "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow..." -Paul (Phil 2:9-10)

- His glorified body includes "the power of an indestructible life" (Hebrews 7:16)

### (3) What does Jesus' Resurrection mean for you and me?

1. Life after death is *real*. Easter *demonstrated* it. It has begun already. And it's available for you– a resurrection in the future like His two thousand years ago.
  - *"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."* -Paul (1 Cor 15:20; see also 2 Tim 1:10, 2 Cor 4:14)
2. Jesus' Resurrection guarantees *our* vindication! – through forgiveness of our sins.
  - *"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins... If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead..."* -Paul (1 Cor 15:17-20; see also Rom 5:24-25)
3. Life today becomes joyful, meaningful, and courageous!
  - *Joyful.* See John 16:20-22, Luke 24:51-53, 1 Peter 1:8-9.
  - *Meaningful.* See 1 Cor 15:14, 17-19, 58; Col 3:1-4.
  - *Courageous.* See Acts 4:10-13, 2 Cor 4:10-14, Phil 1:20-21.

### Resources:

*Wait a second, are you saying the Resurrection of Jesus really happened?*

Recommended videos:

1. Did Jesus rise from the dead? <https://tinyurl.com/did-Jesus-rise> (5 mins)
2. But are the Gospels in the Bible based on eyewitness testimony? [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GS6A5Q3Na\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GS6A5Q3Na_E) (1hr, a personal favorite of mine!)
3. Isn't Easter pagan? <https://tinyurl.com/is-easter-pagan> (10 mins)
4. Wasn't the resurrection a legend? <https://tinyurl.com/jesus-rising-legend> (1+ hr, scholarly)