

The Final Results

Text : **I Corinthians 15: 12-19 ; Romans 1: 1-6**

S#1.

A. Historically, culturally, we Americans are not a patient people.

1. We don't like to wait on anything for any length of time. (*Put on hold* #%*!#)
2. If someone is discussing a sporting event we want him to lead off with the final score
3. When an election is held we want to know the results soon after the polls close.
4. Personally, I get irritated when I have to wait a week or more for the results of tests.

B. We've been considering the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

S#2.

1. We observed that his death was confirmed by expert witnesses.
 - a. The expert executioners attested to His death.
 - b. When pierced, water had separated from his blood.
 - c. Both His friends and enemies alike accepted that He was really dead.
2. He was buried with honor by two of His wealthy secret followers.
 - a. He was wrapped with expensive grave cloths.
 - b. He was adorned with expensive spices to prevent a bad odor as He decayed.
 - c. He was sealed in a stone tomb by a heavy stone door.
3. On the third day the stone was rolled away to reveal the tomb was empty.
 - a. The angel asked the women, "*Why do you seek the living with the dead.*"
 - b. Jesus appeared to the women who grabbed His feet and worshipped Him.
 - c. Jesus interacted with many people for 40 days after His resurrection.
 - 1) He ate with them.
 - 2) They handled Him.
 - 3) **I Cor. 15: 5-8** – He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. **6** After that He

appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; **7** then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; **8** and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

S#3.

C. Why is that important ? What are the results, the consequences ?

S#4.

1. It reveals that Jesus is really God.
2. It established Jesus to the all-powerful sovereign ruler.
3. It affirms the certainty of the coming universal judgment.
4. It assures us that we Christians are saved, are justified.

I. The resurrection of Jesus proved that Jesus is really God.**S#5.****A. While on earth Jesus claimed to be the Son of the most high God.**

1. The religious Jews understood Jesus was claiming to be God.

a. **John 10: 30-33** – "I and the Father are one." **31** The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. **32** Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?" **33** The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God." **S#6.**

b. **Mark 14: 61-62** – Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" **62** And Jesus said, "I am; and you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." ... "*You have heard the blasphemy.*" **S#7.**

2. Jesus told His disciples He is God.

a. **Matt. 16: 15-17** – He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" **16** Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." **17** And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. **S#8.**

b. **John 14: 9-10** – He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? **10** "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? (*The two are one unit, one God.*) **S#9.**

S#10.**B. Jesus proved himself to be God by accurately prophesying His resurrection.**

1. **John 2: 18-20** – The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?" **19** Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." **20** The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" **21** But He was speaking of the temple of His body. **S#11.**

2. **John 10: 17-18** – For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. **18** No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father. **S#12.**

3. Compare : **Matt. 20: 17-19**

C. When the resurrection occurred it proved Jesus had the power of God.**S#13.**

1. **Rom. 1: 4** – who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, **S#14.**

2. The Apostles preached that Jesus is God.

II Pet. 1: 1– Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours,
by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

II. The resurrection established Jesus as the sovereign ruler of all creation. S#15.

A. When Jesus left Heaven and came to the earth, He came as a servant. S#16.

1. He followed the instructions of God the Father.

John 12: 49-50 – For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. **50** "I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me." S#17.

2. He came to serve even to the point of giving His life for others.

Mark 10: 45 – For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. S#18.

3. **John 13** ... Jesus humbled Himself to the point that He washed the disciple's feet.

B. After the resurrection Jesus was returned to His former position of glory.

1. When Jesus ascended He returned to the fullness of His power.

Matt. 28: 17-18 – When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; ... **18** And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, " S#19.

- a. "All authority" ... There is NO authority that Jesus does not possess.
- b. "in Heaven and on earth" ... There NOWHERE that Jesus is not the authority.

2. When the women latched on to His feet he told them He was going to ascend.

John 20: 17 – Jesus *said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; S#20.

3. Jesus is now back in Heaven ruling and reigning for all eternity.

Eph. 1: 19-22 – These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might **20** which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, **21** far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. **22** And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, S#21.

- a. The fact of the resurrection established Jesus' claim to the throne of Heaven.
- b. "above all rule" ... There is no authority that is above Jesus.
- c. "every name that is named," ... There is no being who is above Jesus.
- d. "not only in this age" ... The reign of Jesus has neither beginning nor end.
- e. "head over all things to the church" ... Men cannot alter the conduct of HIS church
- f. When Jesus says go make disciples, we dare not just set and sing.

III. The resurrection of Jesus proves that there will be a universal judgment. S#22.

A. A dead leader is neither a benefit nor a threat. (*No relationship possible*) S#23.

1. Jesus told the Apostle John :

Rev. 1: 17-18 – Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, **18** and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

2. While preaching, Jesus admonished us not to fear those who can only kill the body.

Matt 10:28 – Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; S#24 but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

B. Jesus promised that He would raise ALL of the dead to be judged.

1. **John 5: 25-27** – Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when S#25 the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

26 "For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; **27** and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. (*He has the keys of death and Hades*)

2. Compare : **Matt. 25: 33** ... It will be like a shepherd separating sheep from goats.
3. Compare : **Matt. 13** ... Separating wheat from tares , good fish from uneatable

C. The resurrection is sited as the proof that Jesus will be the one to judge.

Acts 17: 30-31 – Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is S#26 now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, **31** because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.

D. The judgment will determine where each person will dwell in eternity.

1. Remember :

- a. When death is no longer possible, the passing of time is no longer relevant.
- b. When this physical realm is gone, time no longer exists.

2. Judgment will be based upon our relationship with Jesus the Christ.

II Thes. 1: 6-10 – For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction S#27. those who afflict you, **7** and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, **8** dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. **9** These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, **10** when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed — for our testimony to you was believed.

IV. The resurrection of Jesus proves that Christians are saved eternally.**S#28.****A. Jesus promised to return to fetch all of those who loyally follow Him.**

John 14: 1-3 – Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. **2** In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. **3** If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

1. The 1st promise is that Jesus will come for us. (**John 5, I Thes. 4 .. dead or alive**)
2. The 2nd promise is that we will have a place ready and waiting for us. (cf **I Pet 1:3ff**)
3. The 3rd promise is that we will be where Jesus is .. Heaven.

B. The resurrection of Jesus made our justification possible.

1. **Rom. 4: 23-25** – Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him (*Abraham*), **24** but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, **25** He who was delivered over for our transgressions, and was raised for our justification. **S#30.**
2. **I Cor. 15: 16-20** – For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; **17** and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. **18** Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. **19** If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. **S#31.**

C. Having resurrected Himself from the grave, Jesus ever lives to keep us saved.

Rom. 8: 33-34 – Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; **34** who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. **S#32.**

CONCLUSION :**A. The resurrection of Jesus brought about wonderful results !!****S#33.**

1. It reveals that Jesus is really God.
2. It established Jesus to the all-powerful sovereign ruler.
3. It affirms the certainty of the coming judgment.
4. It assures us that we are saved, we are justified.

S#34.**B. Have you accrued the benefits of these results by placing your faith in Him?****S#35.** ... Communion slide

Lesson Text :**I Corinthians 15: 12-19**

12 Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? **13** But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; **14** and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. **15** Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. **16** For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; **17** and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. **18** Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. **19** If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

Romans 1: 1-6

1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, **2** which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, **3** concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, **4** who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, **5** through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake, **6** among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;