

The new life of resurrection

1. Acts 4:10-13. What made Peter and John spoke with such boldness and clarity? How would witnessing the resurrected Jesus change the disciples' lives?
2. Heb 2:14-15. How is one in lifelong bondage in fear of death? How did Jesus deliver us from that bondage? What is a life like without fear of death?
3. Luke 24:25-27. Why is what the scripture said about Jesus important to our confidence in God's word? What is a life like fully confident of God's word and his promises?
4. Mat 5:44-45. What it takes to love those who mistreat us? What is a life like when you have the power to love your enemies?
5. Celebrate Easter by living a new life of resurrection determined to follow Jesus.

Acts 4:10 "be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by him this man is standing before you well. 11 This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the head of the corner. 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they wondered; and they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Heb 2:14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage.

Luke 24:25 And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Mat 5:44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

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(slide 1) The new life of resurrection

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- Resurrection gives us a new life
- A new life of hope and confidence
- A new life of courage and love

(slide 3) The resurrection gave a new life to Jesus' disciples

Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they wondered

1. They were scared, defeated
 - a. Still gather, but door locked
2. They went on to die for Christ
 - a. There was personal gain
 - b. Persecution
 - c. The spread of Christianity by uncoordinated witnessing
3. Acts 4:10 "be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by him this man is standing before you well. 11 This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the head of the corner. 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

(slide 4) The resurrection gives a new life to you and I

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.

1. Whoever believe in Jesus will have this new life
2. What is it like?

(slide 5) A life of hope that does not fear death

Heb 2:14-15 He likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy who has the power of death.. deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage.

1. Jesus conquered death
2. A life with grounded hope of eternal life
3. The funeral

(slide 6) A life of confidence in God's word and promises

Luke 24:27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

1. He did come, and he will come again
2. A life of trust and direction
3. A life of purpose
4. 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

(slide 7) A life of courage that sings amid danger

Acts 16:23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God

1. Thanksgiving and courage
2. Mat 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul;

(slide 8) A life of love that extends to even those who hurt us

Mat 5:44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven

1. How Jesus loves people who hurt him
2. We are able to do the impossible

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Happy Easter! Live the new life of resurrection

1. Old life
 - a. Do you feel you have lost trust in a lot of things?
 - b. Do you feel you don't have much great hope in life?
 - c. Are you tired of the bondage of fear?
 - d. Do you feel you lost the courage to march forward?
 - e. Do you feel you are losing the ability to love?
 - f. Do you feel there is a cry inside you, you don't know what, and you can't bring it out to live?
2. Come to Jesus
 - a. He will give you a new life
 - b. He has died for you, and rose again for you, so you too can have a new life
 - c. Of hope, of confidence, of courage, and of love