

Dimensions of the Resurrection

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I. Introduction.

A. Text:

B. Resurrection is not a problem for us because ours is a god of resurrection. (Psalm 49:15, 73:24, Hosea 6, Isaiah 26:19, 1 Kings 17, 2 Kings 4, Luke 7, John 11, Acts 20, Matthew 27:52)

C. The New Testament affirms the resurrection of Jesus 104 times.

D. There are four dimensions of the resurrection of Jesus.

II. There is a dimension in relation to the Father. (John 17)

A. It was important for Jesus to come to the Father.

1. He longed for the Father's full fellowship. He set aside something of his full equality. (Philippians 2, John 17, 14:2, 17:4-58, 1:1)

2. He looked forward to exaltation. (Philippians 32 John 17:5)

III. There is a dimension of the resurrection in relationship to the Spirit. (Acts 2:32, John 16)

A. The ministry is to testify of Christ. The Spirit was sent as the chief witness to Christ.

B. The ministry of the Spirit is to convict the World of sin also. (John 14)

C. The ministry of the Spirit is to teach truth.

IV. There is a dimension of the resurrection in relationship to God's people. (Romans 4:24)

A. If Christ was not raised, we are still in our sins.

B. Jesus died the death that could ultimately satisfy God. When Jesus rose, the power of death was conquered.

C. We were raised with Christ. (Romans 6)

D. Jesus' resurrection gives us life. (John 11, 14)

E. Jesus is alive today to prepare a place for us. (John 17:24)

F. There is a dimension of present power for: Christian living now. (Ephesians 1:19)

1. We have power right now.

2. Christ is interceding for us right now. (Hebrews 4, 1 John 1:9)

G. Christ promises to return for us.

V. There is a dimension of the resurrection for those who reject Jesus.

A. Even those who reject Jesus will be brought before him. (John 5:24)

B. Everybody gets resurrected. (Revelation 20)

VI. The resurrection of Jesus is not a negotiable event.

Application Questions:

1. Which dimension of the resurrection is most neglected in our churches today?

2. How does the resurrection of Christ impact believers?

3. Why is the resurrection of Christ non-negotiable?
