

**Five reasons why confessing the resurrection of Jesus
is an essential and necessary part of the Christian Creed
that in its absence one cannot be saved
from sin and death and for joy and glory.**

[the title is longer than the study]

Matthew 28:1-10

Theme:

The resurrection of Jesus is so essential and necessary that in its absence one cannot be saved.

Introduction:

It is of interest to know that there have always been those who reject a physical and bodily resurrection from the dead. Yet it is the resurrection in general and that of our Lord in particular that causes the Christian faith to be what it is.

Although some will deny assigning such weight to such a truth, let us consider five reasons why confessing the resurrection of Jesus is an essential and necessary part of the Christian Creed that in its absence one cannot be saved from sin and death and for joy and glory.

Outline:

- I. The "Gospel" Concerning The Messiah Is Clearly Spoken Of By The Old Testament.
- II. Jesus Foretold His Own Resurrection From The Grave.
- III. The Four Gospel Writers Present Jesus As Rising From The Dead
- IV. The Resurrection Of Jesus Is Part Of The Apostolic Preaching
- V. Finally, in its absence, His people have no hope of future joy

Shepherding the Sheep: (What is the NEXT STEP?)

1. Perhaps today the resurrection of Jesus is something you have affirmed with your mind, but not your heart/emotion. Friend, today we affirm with our mind and emotion that Jesus is risen from the dead.
2. Perhaps you claim to be a Christian but reject His physical/bodily resurrection from the grave. Friend, our text says you cannot claim such a dichotomy between the resurrection of Jesus and His offer of salvation from sin and death.
3. Today, more than ever you and I need to confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in our hearts that God has raised Him from the dead. To do so results in us being saved.

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