

Sermon Series: Book of Mark/
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The Conquering Power of the Resurrection
Scripture: Mark 16:1-8
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In 2013, a fascinating book by Steve Skiena and Charles B. Ward came out titled, "***Who's Bigger? Where historical figures really rank.***"

The goal was to find: '**The Most Significant Figures in History**'.

'Using quantitative analysis to bear on rankings and comparing historical reputations by tracing millions of opinions, just as Google ranks webpages, they present rankings of more than one thousand of history's most significant people in science, politics, entertainment, and all areas of human endeavor.'

'They set out to rank the significance of historical figures, (unbiased and objective) and they decided to evaluate each person by aggregating millions of traces of opinions into a computational data-centric analysis.'

Time Magazine, 2013

Guess who number 1 was...in all of human history?

JESUS.

Out of the *estimated* 107 Billion people who have ever lived on this planet.....**JESUS** is number one.

Why?

Because he's alive.

Today we celebrate, (in a bigger way than our normal Sundays), the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Jesus' rising from the dead has great implications for our lives. Today, I want to try to communicate clearly what the Resurrection means....and how it affects us.

So, I am going to be methodical today. I want to give you **3 things the Resurrection accomplishes.**

1. The Penalty of sin is gone. (Justification) Past.

2. The Power of sin is gone. (Sanctification) Present.

3. The Presence of sin *will be* gone. (Glorification) Future.

Let's dive right in.

1. The Penalty of sin is gone.

Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.

Our sins were placed on Christ. He took our punishment..on the cross..and he died. But, did he HAVE TO rise again? Didn't we just need him to DIE? What does the Resurrection have to do with it all? Why does Jesus have to be alive?

1 Corinthians 15:17 says, 'If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.'

Jesus wasn't a sinner. He instead died for others. He is righteous in every way. He never sinned. So God the Father, being just and fair, raised Jesus up.

The Resurrection is God the Father saying, *"I accept this sacrifice of Jesus as proper payment. I validate this transaction and give it my stamp of approval....I give Jesus new life and all who unite themselves with him...I will also give new life and apply Jesus' rightness to them."*

It is as I have demonstrated before. **A man has a sin burden that he must off load. He has no righteousness before God. He needs righteousness, but has none.**

Jesus on the other hand has no sin burden but has a load of righteousness, holiness, and goodness. We transfer our sin load over to him. That's great but we still have no righteousness.

But God the Father deposits Jesus' righteousness to us, so that now we have something to stand before God with. This is our JUSTIFICATION.

Romans 6: 3-5 says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in the newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his."

The penalty of sin is gone. Jesus took that. But he can't give us new life or eternal life if he's dead.

2. The Power of sin is gone.

Christ did not just take away the penalty of sin but he took away the power of sin. The same power that raised

Jesus from the dead- gives you power to live in holiness and obedience.

Christ's resurrection gives us power! Power to live the new life that he's given us. We can change by his power- that he works in us.

Let this verse blow you away!

Romans 8:10-11 says, "But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."

Ephesians 1:18-20, "having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ WHEN he raised him from the dead."

Are you living in Resurrection **power**?

Some of you have believed lies. Lies! You've believed that you'll never get over something. Not true.

The Bible says that the same **power** that raised Jesus from the dead is dwelling in you and making us into his likeness. THIS IS OUR SANCTIFICATION.

YOU. CAN. CHANGE.

Christ, through his Resurrection took away the penalty of sin. He took away the power of sin...and someday...

3. The Presence of sin will be gone.

THIS IS OUR GLORIFICATION.

Look at 1 Corinthians 15:20

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every

authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Jesus is the firstfruits. As he is....so will all the others be. Like picking a fruit in harvest time to test and see if they are all ready. We will be raised someday in the likeness of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 15:50...I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. 54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

55 “O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 11:25 Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

The penalty of sin is gone. We have been changed.

The power of sin is gone, so...we are being changed.

Someday, the entire presence of indwelling sin will be gone....and we will be completely changed.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Questions:

1. Have you been united with Jesus Christ? Do you believe that God raised him from the dead?
2. Believers, are you living in Resurrection power? Or, are you living defeated? The same power that rose Jesus from the dead is available to you...God can change you.