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“Look to the Future:
Welcome to a New World”

“A Future Hope – The Resurrection” Core 44

“If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain
and your faith is in vain.”
1 Corinthians 15:14

A. Jesus rose from the dead...

1. Jesus of Nazareth was executed by crucifixion.
“He personally carried our sins in His body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By His wounds you are healed.” 1 Peter 2:24
2. The tomb was empty.
“but the angel said, ‘Don’t be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid His body.’” Mark 16:6
3. The apostles believed Jesus had appeared to them in a tangible body...and over 500 others.
“‘Why are you frightened?’ He asked. ‘Why are your hearts filled with doubt? Look at My hands. Look at My feet. You can see that it’s really me. Touch Me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don’t have bodies, as you see that I do.’ As He spoke, He showed them His hands and His feet.” Luke 24:38-40
“After that, He was seen by more than 500 of His followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.” 1 Corinthians 15:6
4. The Christian church was begun 50 days later!
“Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.” Acts 2:41

B. What were the final words of the risen Christ?

- “‘Dear woman, why are you crying?’ Jesus asked her. ‘Who are you looking for?’” John 20:15
1. Jesus met Mary Magdalene and His first concern was for her tears! God cares about your tears and He wants you to find Jesus as He is the answer to the pain in your life!
“Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there.” Matthew 28:10
 2. Jesus’ first words were “Don’t be afraid!” His greatest concern was the danger that fear could do to their faith.

“He asked them, ‘What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?’” Luke 24:17

3. Jesus cares about the everyday conversations that we are having. What is the focus of those conversations? Do they honor Jesus? Do we talk about the most important thing in our lives?

“That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! ‘Peace be with you,’ He said.”

John 20:19

“Again He said, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I am sending you.’ Then He breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’” John 20:21-22

4. Amidst all that is happening to His disciples, Jesus wanted them to feel His peace! Not the peace of the world...but His peace! His peace is still available to us today!

“At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn’t see who He was. He called out, ‘Fellows, have you caught any fish?’”

John 21:4-5

5. Every question that Jesus brings to our lives is with purpose. There are no details that come to us that are not an opportunity for Him to reveal Himself in our lives.

“Jesus came and told His disciples, ‘I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’” Matthew 28:18-19

6. Go! The great Co-Mission of Jesus! Making, baptizing, and teaching...“As you go.”

“Once when He was eating with them, He commanded them, ‘Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift He promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’” Acts 1:4-5

7. Jesus promises us the gift of the Holy Spirit to always be with us. We are never alone! He promises us power to face all that is before us and to equip us with that same power to share with those in our world!

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

C. Jesus came...

“For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.” 2 Corinthians 5:21

1. Jesus came to offer salvation, based on His work, not ours!

“Jesus replied, ‘I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.’” John 3:3
“But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!)” Ephesians 2:4-5

“God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.” Ephesians 2:8-9

2. Jesus came to make your life new.

“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

3. Jesus came to rescue you.

“For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.” Luke 19:10

4. Jesus came to redeem you!

“Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” Romans 5:7-8

D. The greatest gift...

“He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life, I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.” 1 John 5:12-13

1. **A** – Admit that I am a sinner

The Bible says...

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23
“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

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2. **B** – Believe that Jesus died for my sin

The Bible says...

“For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, ‘Anyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame.’”

Romans 10:10-11

3. **C** – Confess my sin

The Bible says...

“That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:9

4. **D** – Decide to receive Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior.

The Bible says...

“Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12

Dear Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins. I now invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as Lord and Savior.

In Jesus’ name. Amen

Did you sincerely ask Jesus to come into your heart?

Are you willing to turn from your old life and follow Him?

If you did, then He promises that He is in your life.

The Bible says...

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with Me.” Revelation 3:20

This is just the beginning of a wonderful new life in Christ.

To deepen this relationship, you should...

- 1. Read your Bible**
- 2. Talk to God in prayer**
- 3. Tell others**
- 4. Worship with other believers**
- 5. Demonstrate your new life by your love and concern for others**