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• When We Trust In Christ Who Is Life -- We Receive His Life

• In Christ -- The Dead Can Live -- Those Alive Never Die
Matthew 28:1–4 (NIV) — 1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.
Matthew 28:5–10 (NIV) 5 The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”
The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ Is The Cornerstone Of The Christian Faith.

Without It The Believer Has No Hope For This Life Or For The Life To Come

(1 Cor 15:17 NIV) And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.
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I AM: IN GREEK = “I, YES, I AM HE”

It Is An Absolute Expression I Am – Not: I Could Be ; I Might Be;

“I Am” Is Jesus Identifying Himself As “I Am Who I Am” --Yahweh
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“I Am” Sayings in John’s Gospel

▪ “I Am The Bread Of Life” (6:35, 51)

▪ “I Am The Light Of The World” (8:12; 9:5)

▪ “I Am The Shepherd & I Am The Door” (10:7, 9, 11, 14)

▪ “I Am The Way, And The Truth, And The Life” (14:6)

▪ “I Am The True Vine” (15:1, 5)
"I Am The Resurrection And The Life" (11:25)

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He Raised Lazarus To Demonstrate His Life-giving Power

Jesus Came To Show That He Is The Resurrection

He Is The Personal Link To Resurrection Power
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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

Resurrection Is Mentioned 100+ Times In The New Testament

- The Resurrection Is The Central Fact Of The Apostle’s Testimony
- It Is The Gospel Message That They Preached

Acts 4:33 (NIV) (33) With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.
The Resurrection Is One Of Two Fundamentals In The Gospel.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 (NIV) (1) Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. (2) By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. (3) For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, (4) that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
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If The Resurrection Is Disproved -- Christian Faith Is In Vain

- **1 Corinthians 15:14 (NIV)** (14) And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

- **1 Corinthians 15:17 (NIV)** (17) And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

*Without The Resurrection We Have:*

*No Faith. No Hope. No Future.*
The Resurrection – Enables Christ’s Power To Save

Romans 10:9-10 (NIV) (9) 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. (10) For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.
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To Know The Power Of Christ’s Resurrection: Our Highest Ambition

Philippians 3:8-11 (NIV) (8) What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ (9) and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ--the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. (10) I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, (11) and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.
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The Results Of The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ

- The Resurrection Is A Solid Foundation For Our Faith

- 1 Peter 1:21 (NIV) (21) Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

- It Helps People To Believe In God
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The Resurrection Brings Us Into A Living Hope

An Inheritance That Cannot Fade Reserved For Us In Heaven

1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) (3) Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (4) and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you,

As We Believe In The Risen And Living Christ --

Christ Begins To Live In Us
By The Resurrection We Are Justified And Declared Righteous

Romans 4:25 (NIV) (25) He (JESUS) was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.
The Resurrection Of Christ Has Robbed Death Of Its Terror

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 (NIV) (55) "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (56) The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. (57) But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

What Satan Thought Was Going To Be His Greatest Victory -- Turned Out To Be His Eternal Defeat!
Christ’s Resurrection Is The Guarantee Of Our Resurrection

- **Romans 8:11 (NIV)** (11) And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

- *We Know That God Will Raise Us Up Because He Raised Him Up*
The Resurrection of Christ is the guarantee of the fulfillment of all of the promises of God.

- It declares Him to be the Son of God with power
- It reveals God and His ability to keep His Word
- Jesus keeps His promises -- Christ will fulfill all that He has promised -- He is a promise keeper!
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Because Christ Was Raised:

• We Too Can Be Raised

• The Kingdom Is Established

• We Can Trust Him When He Says He Will Come Again

• There Is Reason For Us To Live For Him -- And Believe In Him

• Christ Is Risen -- In Him You Have Proof Of The Exceeding Greatness Of God's Power To Us Who Believe
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The I Am Calls Us To Live Again

He Calls Us To True Life

- To The Bread The Feeds Us
- To The Light So That We See
- To The Door & Shepherd Who Will Watch Us & Lead Us
- To The Way—to Eternal Life
- To The Vine – To Connect Us

To The Resurrection & The Life --- To Believe Him & Live! Both Now And Forever More
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The One Place To Find Life Is In Relationship With Christ

(John 3:36 NIV) Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.

- To Believe God Is To Receive God And His Gift Of Life
- To Neglect God Is To Reject God And To Miss Out On Life
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(John 5:24 NIV) I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

- It Is Possible To Make A Great Cross Over From Death To Life
- It Happens Through Believing In Jesus Christ!