

# The Power of the Resurrection

**This is POWER MONTH:**

**The Power of the Resurrection**

**The Power of the Cross – No Christianity without a Cross**

**Power of Forgiveness – having your slate wiped clean empowers**

**Power of the Blood – Holy Blood has some amazing dynamics!**

Before we get in to our message this morning I need to give you a little insight on what we are going to do on Sunday nights this month. As Jesus was nearing the end of his time on earth He put something in place that was meant to CAPTURE who He was and be used by Him to change this world. When He said “I will build MY CHURCH” – Matt 16:18 - that word had never been used in a Biblical Context. It was not a Bible Word!

So just what is the New Testament Church? What it is SUPPOSED TO BE?

The first week we are going to look at those first words in Matthew 16:15-19. When a word is used for the first time in the Bible it is called the “Law of First Mention” and it comes with details that are critical to our understanding.

In the next couple weeks we will look at what the church IS, what it is NOT, and just why we exist. Our goal is to lay a good Biblical Foundation we can build on.

If we are going to do more of this on Sunday nights then we need a starting place. All that functions in the world from Heaven’s perspective is meant to function through “The Church” as it was established by Jesus in the New Testament!

It is not Rocket Science – but we are going to Space in the not too distant future so there might be some things it would be good to know AND DO!

So that is Sunday nights in April....

**NOW – GOOD RESURRECTION SUNDAY!**

**Who loves Easter Sunday?**

**Why? Easter inspires HOPE. Good Triumphs over Evil! The balance of Power is shifted. Easter validates who we are as Believers. Easter Sunday moves us from Theory & Religion, to REALITY! THE REALITY the world is looking for!**

Buddha – still dead! Mohammed? Still dead! Confucius? Still dead! **BUT**

Mary Magdalene, the 11 disciples, 2 on the road to Emmaus, all saw resurrected Jesus....

■ Acts 1:3 To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, **being seen of them forty days**, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: **NOT A GLANCE OR MAYBE HERE!! 40 DAYS!**

■ 1Cor. 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

1Cor. 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

1Cor. 15:5 And that he was seen of Simon Peter, then of the twelve:

■ 1Cor. 15:6 After that, he was seen of **above** five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

1Cor. 15:7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

1Cor. 15:8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

■ **REMEMBER THAT THE ENTIRE NEW TESTAMENT ARE FIRST HAND ACCOUNTS! WRITTEN BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE!!**

And as Paul said, many of the 500 were still alive when he was writing!!

So the Resurrection is as much **FACT** as it is **FAITH!**

**This is the GAME CHANGER!** Only Christianity has A DAY where the entire course of WORLD HISTORY AND DESTINY are SHIFTED by an individual! Can't change that! NO UNDOING THAT!!

Even the Calendars are BC – Before Christ, and AD, Anno Domini, Latin for *Year of our Lord!*

■ 1Cor. 2:8 Speaking of the mysteries of God says “Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”

BAD MISTAKE! BAD MISTAKE!! (Broke open the vial with the cure!)

**ALL OF HEAVEN WAS UNLEASHED IN THE EARTH WHEN THEY KILLED AN INNOCENT MAN. JUSTICE WAS RESTORED!**

**THAT WAS THE PLAN ALL ALONG. IT WAS ALWAYS THE PLAN!**

■ Rev. 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb **slain** from the **foundation** of the world.

No surprises. God did not lose when Christ was Crucified. He gained. We talked about this last year – His death Paid the penalty for ALL SIN, the worlds sin, your sin, my sin – Past, Present, and Future.

■ Rom. 6:10 The **death** he died, he died to **sin** once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. **ONCE AND DONE! Death brought life!**

The New Testament Especially is about EMPOWERING THE BELIEVER TO ACT; to live by faith and take ACTION FOR GOD. Take action for the things of God. To move from BEING VICTIMS to BECOMING VICTORS.

■ Phil. 3:10 That I may know him, and the **power** of his **resurrection...**

Power in that verse is the Greek word – dunamis – where we get the word dynamite. Dunamis power is miracle working power.

The resurrection was no small thing. Jesus had taken all the sins of the world on himself and delivered them to hell as payment. He made the transaction. He bought us back. This is not just symbolism. It is not even raising a dead person to life. The power of sin and death had to be broken over HIS LIFE, and OUR LIVES.

■ Rev. 1:18 ***I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.***

He went personally to get those keys! Took them back. It was AFTER His resurrection that he said this:

■ Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All (authority) power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...**

Jesus now has ALL Authority. Authority/power in that verse is Exousia – the highest word for authority in Scripture. Complete jurisdiction – and the power to back it up. RIGHT plus MIGHT!

What does that mean to us? Go YE! We are empowered by His Authority

■ Col. 1:13 Who hath delivered (rescued) us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

THIS IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE VERSES – never heard it preached until I went to Bible school. THAT IS SAD! We are a long way from New Testament Christianity if we don't understand the power at work in us!

■ Delivered is the Greek work Rhoumai – '*to be rushed or drawn out with great force*'. It can also be compared to a flow of blood – current in the veins. If you think of a flooded river pulling massive trees up by the roots that is the picture!!

Through Jesus, you are pulled out by the roots from the power/AUTHORITY of darkness, and TRANSLATED OR TRANSPLANTED in the Kingdom of His son of His Love!

Hell, the devil, have NO AUTHORITY in your life! Jesus bought authority over your life with His life. There is no tug of war apart from your mind & SOUL!

IN HEAVEN IT IS SETTLED! Once THAT gets settled in YOU – your life WILL change!

Because JESUS now holds the POWER over sin and hell, he can directly determine our destiny. He is AUTHORIZED to INTERVENE on our behalf. And you are authorized to ACT on HIS BEHALF!!

■ Col. 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, **triumphing** over them in it. (the Cross – next week!)

In the BIBLE days, if you went out to battle and won a great victory, you would disarm the enemy, take all of his weapons, strip him naked, leaving him completely defenseless, and march him through town in a ‘noisy procession’. That is what the word TRIUMPH means in this verse. That WORD IS ONLY USED TWICE IN YOUR BIBLE!

■ 2Cor. 2:14 Now thanks *be* unto God, which always causeth us to **triumph** in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor (fragrance) of his knowledge by us in every place.

■ HIS VICTORY BECOMES YOUR VICTORY!!

ACTUALLY, IN ORDER TO TRANSLATE THIS CORRECTLY, THE WORD ‘CAUSETH’ IS ALSO THE WORD TRIUMPH. HE TRIUMPHS US IN HIS TRIUMPH.

Resurrection Sunday is a reminder to RISE UP.

Take Authority over the affairs in your life.

You are no longer victims.

Jesus won the war over sin, sickness, death in every area of our lives.

OUR ASSIGNMENT is to enforce the victory.

Stand watch over our domain, and see His kingdom established.

■ 1John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the **victory** that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.

■ **GET YOUR FAITH ON!! Get your sword out! Take a STAND! NO MORE!**

**Today is a reminder that we have already won!**

**Start practicing life as VICTORS instead of Victims!**

**That is the power of the resurrection!**