

That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death” Philippians 3:10,

The power of the Resurrection is the continued effect of the saving righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul defines the essence of his message, “We do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord” (2 Corinthians 4:5). Because He is risen, His full name now expresses the summary of the Gospel. At His birth He is named Jesus, “for He will save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). In His ministry He is Christ, the Messiah (Matthew 16:16). But by His resurrection from the dead He is “declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness” (Romans 1:4). This was the ultimate message for the Church, birthed at Pentecost.

Peter, full of the Holy Spirit, preached, “This Jesus God has raised up ... [and] exalted to the right hand of God. ... God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:32-33, 36,). This theme continues throughout the New Testament. The words of Scripture are inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16) and inerrantly, writers were moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21). Like a heat-seeking missile toward the target, the Word of God accurately reveals the purpose of God.

John 19 [28](#) After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

[29](#) Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

Vinegar was to silence him but he wasn't done speaking!!!!

Isaiah 55:11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

John 19:[30](#) When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

But death cannot hold Him! A tomb of stone cannot imprison the mighty Christ. Friday night goes by, Saturday goes by, and Sunday morning comes. In the early dawn some women who loved Him came to the tomb. To their great astonishment the stone had been rolled away.

They rush into the tomb filled with fear that someone had defiled the grave of their Savior and stolen away His body. They found two angels with a very important message! It was the message of the empty tomb. "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee?"

This is the greatest message ever given to the world. Jesus is living! Death could not hold Him! The tomb is empty and Jesus is alive! Over the next forty days He appeared in His resurrected body many times to His friends. Then He ascended into heaven and He is there today! We serve a risen Savior! We do not worship a dead God! He lives! Some skeptics may say prove it:

- Eye witness accounts of the resurrection.
 - 1. He appeared to Mary Magdalene, who thought He was the gardener in Mk. 16:9
 - 2. He appeared to the other women. Mt. 28:9-10
 - 3. He appeared to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Luke 24:15
 - 4. He appeared to Simon Peter. 1Co. 15:5
 - 5. He appeared to the disciples without Thomas. Jn. 20:26
 - 6. He appeared to the eleven in the upper room. Luke 24:36
 - 7. He appeared at the sea of Galilee. Jn. 21:1
 - 8. According to 1Co. 15:7, He appeared to the five hundred brethren.
 - 9. He appeared to James. 1Co. 15:7
 - 10. He appeared to the eleven at His ascension. Luke 24:50
 - 11. Every one was an eye-witness to the resurrection of Christ, there can be no question about it!

This is Jesus the chief Cornerstone that the builders rejected, his Sacrifice This is Amazing Grace that Lead Me to the Cross and I will worship my Unstoppable God with my Whole Heart because there Ain't No Grave going to hold me down because it didn't hold Jesus down US HAVE A LIVING SAVIOR THE LIVES IN US

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