

“The Resurrection – Our Hallelujah!” – Karl Jones

Intro: What do you do when everything goes wrong? When Jesus was crucified and laid in the tomb, nothing seemed right; everything seemed “more than” terribly wrong.

But His death and tomb were not the end; just as He had promised, the darkness yielded to a brilliant light and the tomb burst open. At that moment, no doubt, all of heaven erupted in praise, shouting ***HALLELUJAH, HE IS RISEN***. And today, His resurrection is our hallelujah as well!

I. The Message of the Resurrection Was a Revolutionary Message.

1. For first century people, this life was it. They had no real concept of _____ the _____. Note Acts 17:22-32.
2. This revolutionary message of the resurrection:
 - A.) Gave _____, and all who accepted this message found new joy.
 - B.) Gave a reason for _____ because the resurrection is followed by _____.
 - C.) Is it any different today? As long as we talk about God’s love for all, everyone is happy and attentive. However, talk about _____ on _____ and people dismiss, even “sneer” at this truth!

II. The Resurrection: The Reality of Judgment to Come.

1. The resurrection of Jesus is God’s guarantee that _____ will rise from the dead and hear their sentence for eternity. John 5:28-29
2. The resurrection of Jesus is God’s proof:
 - A.) _____ is the _____. Romans 1:4
 - B.) _____ does not _____! 1 Cor. 15:54-57
 - C.) _____ will stand before God in _____. 2 Cor. 5:10
3. What will be the standard of God’s final judgment?
 - A.) Not what you or me or any _____ thinks or feels.
 - B.) It will be the _____ of _____. John 12:48-49
 - C.) Thus, _____ you _____ and _____ you _____ really matters!

III. The Resurrection: Rising to a New Life.

1. In Jesus we have God’s promise of a new life, a fresh new start.
 - A.) This is a new life that begins _____ and _____. 2 Cor. 5:17, Rom. 6:3-5
 - B.) This is a new life that reaches into and through _____.
2. We are not “raised up with Christ” to live according to this _____ but to live for the world to come. Col. 3:1-4
3. The resurrection is a wonderful cause for rejoicing and hope. It is also a serious reminder of the need to be _____ for _____. _____?