



RESURRECTION CREDENTIALS

THE DEMONSTRATED KINGSHIP OF CHRIST

JOHN 2:13-22

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1. Realize _____ (vv.13-17)

2. Admit _____ (v.18)

3. See _____ (vv.19-22)

John 2:13 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. **15** And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. **16** And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." **17** His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." **18** So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" **19** Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." **20** The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" **21** But he was speaking about the temple of his body. **22** When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Timothy 6:13-16**. How do you think all this lofty language about Jesus' exalted authority sits with the average American in the twenty-first century? Why do you think people are more averse to this now than ever?
2. Read **Psalms 23:1-6**. When you read this familiar psalm, how do you see the importance of Christ's authority over the lives of his people (here analogized as sheep) as necessary, needed, and vital to the well-being of all people?
3. Read **Luke 14:25-33**. Why is it indispensable to consider at least some of the varied implications of Christ's absolute leadership over one's life before just rushing into a relationship with Jesus in hopes of gaining all the associated benefits of being a Christian?
4. Read **Revelation 1:12-18**. How does this passage help you to see the importance of being rightly related to the "resurrected One" who will be in charge (i.e., "with the keys") of the ultimate destinies of all human beings?
5. Read **Isaiah 40:9-15**. Back to the Shepherd analogy. How does considering the unrivaled authority of Christ at his coming make his merciful love and generous forgiveness so much more valuable to Christians?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

- Msg. 18-04 – **Submitting to Christ's Sovereign Authority**
- Msg. 08-15 – **How to Get Eternal Life: The Only Right Response**
- Msg. 13-04 – **The Gospel's Assault on the Egocentric**
- Msg. 13-02 – **Why "As You Are" Can't Stay that Way**
- Msg. 16-13 – **Knowing Genuine Repentance**
- Msg. 15-11 – **The Bread of Life: A Necessity for This Life & the Next**
- Msg. 19-03 – 19-07 – **The Defeat of Death** (a five-part series on Christ's resurrection)

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

March 31 st	Judg.3-5 & Lk.7:31-50
April 1 st	Judg.6-7 & Lk.8:1-21
April 2 nd	Judg.8-9 & Lk.8:22-56
April 3 rd	Judg.10-11 & Lk.9:1-36
April 4 th	Judg.12-14 & Lk.9:37-62
April 5 th	Judg.15-17 & Lk.10:1-24
April 6 th	Judg.18-19 & Lk.10:25-42
April 7 th	Judg.20-21 & Lk.11:1-28

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Bavinck, Herman. **Saved by Grace: The Holy Spirit's Work in Calling and Regeneration**. RH Books, 2013.
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- Dyer, Larry E. **Baptism: The Believer's First Obedience**. Kregel Publications, 2000.
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- Lutzer, Erwin. **The Vanishing Power of Death**. Moody, 2004.
- McDowell, Josh. **Did the Resurrection Happen... Really?** Moody Publishing, 2011.
- Pink, A. W. **Repentance**. Triangle Press, 1996.
- Piper, John. **What Jesus Demands from the World**. Crossway Books, 2006.
- Roberts, Richard Owen. **Repentance: The First Word of the Gospel**. Crossway Books, 2002.
- Sproul, R. C. **What Does It Mean to be Born Again?** Reformation Trust Publishing, 2019.
- Tenney, Merrill. **The Reality of the Resurrection**. Harper & Row, 1963.