

THE EASTER STORY IN 3D

John 20:1-9

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THE 3 DIMENSIONS OF JESUS' RESURRECTION

The Proof... the Promise... the Power

1. The PROOF: Jesus proved he was God

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 *"Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and then he was raised from the dead on the third day. He was seen by Peter and then by the twelve apostles. After that, he was seen by more than five hundred of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died by now. Then he was seen by James and later by all of the apostles. Last of all, I saw him too..."*

2. The PROMISE: Jesus will resurrect me

John 11:25 *Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live again."*

1 Corinthians 6:14 *"By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will also raise us!"*

1 Peter 1:3b-6 *"Now we live with a wonderful expectation because Jesus Christ rose again from the dead. For God has reserved a priceless inheritance for his children. It is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And God, in his mighty power, will protect you until you receive this salvation, because you are trusting him."*

3. The POWER: Jesus offers his power to me every day

2 Corinthians 5:15 *"Jesus included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own."*

Philippians 3:10 *"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection!"*

Ephesians 3:19-20 *"May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God. By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope!"*

The Power of the Resurrection is:

1. The power to let go of your past.
2. The power to start over.
3. The power to keep going.
4. The power to change your life.

Four characteristics of what this power is like ---Ephesians 3:19-20

1. **You Experience the love of Christ.** *"May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you'll never fully understand it."*
2. **You Experience fullness of life.** *"Then you will be filled with the fullness of life..."*
3. **You Experience Power.** *"power that comes from God."*
4. **You experience accomplishing infinitely more.** *"By his mighty power at work within us, he's able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope or even dream of."*

HOW DO I GET THE FULL BENEFIT OF JESUS' RESURRECTION?

1. A – Accept his proof

Romans 10:9 “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.”

2. B – I Believe the promise

John 3:16 “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

3. C – I Count on his power on a daily basis

2 Corinthians 1:8-10 “I think you ought to know about the hard time we went through in Asia. We were really crushed and overwhelmed, and feared we would never live through it. We felt we were doomed to die and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; **BUT THAT WAS GOOD**, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us, for he can even raise the dead. And he did help us and saved us... and we expect him to do it again and again!”

EASTER PRAYER

Dear Jesus, I want to enjoy the full benefit of your death and resurrection for me. Thank you for what you did.

I accept the proof that you are the Son of God.

I accept your promise of forgiveness and eternal life because you are the only one who paid for my sins. You deserve to be the Lord of my life.

I need your power – the power of the resurrection in my life on a daily basis.

I want to get to know you and learn how to rely on your power.

Please come into my life and change me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.