



CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

WHY IT MATTERS FOR ETERNITY
JOHN 12:20-26

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1. Understand _____ (v.23)

John 12:20 Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. **21** So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." **22** Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. **23** And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. **24** Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. **25** Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **26** If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him."
(ESV)

2. Realize _____ (v.24)

3. Give _____ (vv.25-26)

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 **Philippians 2:5-11** and **John 17:1-5**. Why is it helpful to remember and envision Christ's preincarnate glory and greatness? How can his eternal glory increase your gratitude for his earthly work of redemption?
2. Read **John 6:37-40**. How would it impact your daily decisions about the investment of the remainder of your life if you took these words to heart and brought them to mind every morning?
3. Read **Revelation 5:8-10** and **1 Corinthians 6:20**. Why do you think today's Christians tend to downplay the doctrine of redemption and Christ's ownership of their lives? What is the negative impact of neglecting this truth?
4. Read **John 12:25-26** and **Matthew 16:26**. What are some of the "respectable" enticements of the world that keep people like you from following Christ?
5. Read **Revelation 21:22-26**. While obviously difficult to fully imagine, what are some of the great things you anticipate will come when God fully engages with his redeemed people in the perfect place described in this passage?

*This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule*

April 4th
Judg.12-14 & Lk.9:37-62

April 5th
Judg.15-17 & Lk.10:1-24

April 6th
Judg.18-19 & Lk.10:25-42

April 7th
Judg.20-21 & Lk.11:1-28

April 8th
Ruth1-4 & Lk.11:29-54

April 9th
1Sam.1-3 & Lk.12:1-34

April 10th
1Sam.4-6 & Lk.12:35-59

April 11th
1Sam.7-9 & Lk.13:1-21

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Msg. 19-01 – **The Final Payment**
Msg. 08-15 – **How to Get Eternal Life: The Only Right Response**
Msg. 14-09 – **Awaiting the Defeat of Death**
Msg. 19-03 – **The Centrality of the Resurrection**
Msg. 07-10 – **Reaching Forward with the Hope of a New World**
Msg. 18-12 – **Am I A Fool to Believe in the Resurrection?**
Msg. 16-35 – **Astonished at God's Amazing Grace**

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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.

Bob Bevington, et al. **The Great Exchange: My Sin for His Righteousness**. Crossway, 2007.
Brown, Charles. **The Divine Glory of Christ**. Banner of Truth, 1996.
Carson, D. A. **Scandalous: The Cross and the Resurrection of Jesus**. Crossway, 2010.
Chantry, Walter. **Today's Gospel: Authentic or Synthetic?** Banner of Truth, 1970.
Charnock, Stephen. **Christ Crucified: The Once-for-All Sacrifice**. Christian Heritage, 2012.
Eveson, Philip H. **Great Exchange: Justification by Faith Alone**. Day One Publications, 1998.
Habermas, Gary **The Risen Jesus and Future Hope**. Rowman & Littlefield, 2003.
Hill, Charles and Frank James, eds. **The Glory of the Atonement: Biblical, Theological, and Practical**. IVP, 2010.
Jeffery, Steve, et al. **Pierced for Our Transgressions: Rediscovering the Glory of Penal Substitution**. Crossway, 2007.
Kubala, Mark J. **The Execution of Jesus the Christ**. WestBow Press, 2017.
Owen, John. **Death of Death in the Death of Christ**.
Packer, J. I. and Mark Dever. **In My Place Condemned He Stood**. Crossway Books, 2008.
Piper, John. **Fifty Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die**. Crossway, 2006.
Stott, John R. W. **The Cross of Christ**. InterVarsity Press, 1986.