

# The King Conquers Death 2025 Easter Sunday

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# The Unique Worldview of the Bible

#### We are Created with Immeasurable Value

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Psalm 139:13-14 ESV

So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 1:27 ESV

# But We are Horribly Broken

And you were dead in trespasses and sins.

Ephesians 2:1 ESV

# There is a Penalty for Sin

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 ESV

## The Penalty Has Been Paid

For Christ also died once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

1 Peter 3:18 ESV

### We All Have a Worldview

# Can Your Worldview Hold Up Under the Weight of This World

# The Resurrection is the Cornerstone Of Our Worldview

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?

He is not here, but has risen...and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

Luke 24:1-11 ESV

...if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1 Corinthians 15:13-19 ESV

# 1. The Missing Body

He is not here, but has risen.

Luke 24:6 ESV

# The Empty Tomb Confirms that Jesus Christ had the authority to pay for sin.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first."

Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can."

Matthew 27:62-65 ESV

When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

# 2. The Martyrdom of the Disciples

"I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, and they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Everyone was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren't true.

Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world, and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks. You're telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years?

Absolutely impossible."

Chuck Colson

# 3. Changed Lives

Liz Fitts

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

# 1. Problem - All have sinned

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23 ESV

2. Penalty for the Problem

For the wages of sin is death...

Romans 6:23 ESV

#### 3. God's Solution

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 ESV

#### 4. Embrace God's Solution

... if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Romans 10:9-10