

# The Resurrection of Jesus

## Lesson 4

### God's Transforming Power In The Resurrection And Gospel

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The biblical testimony

Biblical testimony compared to man's theories

If the resurrection is true or false, then...

God's transforming power in the resurrection and gospel

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## Since Christ Has Been Raised From The Dead Then

1. He is the Son of God
2. The Scriptures are the Word of God
3. He has been made Lord of Heaven and earth
4. Jesus' death was for forgiveness of our sins
5. Baptism confirmed as beginning of Christian life

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## Since Christ Has Been Raised From The Dead Then

6. Jesus made head of his one church
7. Purpose of Lord's supper confirmed
8. Jesus has been made our high priest
9. Jesus will judge all on the last day
10. Faithful will be raised to eternal life

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## Introduction

- Biblical testimony is based on eyewitness evidence confirmed by prophecies
- Testimony designed to lead any reasonable and humble individual to believe that Jesus died and was raised on the third day
- Our belief should never be based on emotions or human traditions

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## Introduction

- Same power displayed in Creation was displayed in Jesus' resurrection
- How is the power involved in the resurrection connected to becoming and developing as a Christian?
- Should we have an expectation that we can experience radical change, thinking and acting differently than have previously learned?

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## Introduction

- Lesson designed to help us trust in the living Lord not only to forgive us of our sins but to change us into His image, make us different, as we submit to His powerful gospel
- But, we must be willing to trust and obey, leaving aside our doubts and fears so we can change by His Word, to His glory

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Apostles' transformed lives  
Christians' transformed lives today

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## Apostles' Transformed Lives

- Before Jesus' death, apostles filled with confusion, ignorance and grief
- Also, Peter's denial indicates fear and disappointment
- After His death, their grief continued

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## Apostles' Attitude Before Jesus' Death

Mat 17:22 And while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men;

Mat 17:23 and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day." And they were deeply grieved.

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## Apostles' Attitude Before Jesus' Death

Mat 26:21 As they were eating, He said, "Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me."

Mat 26:22 Being deeply grieved, they each one began to say to Him, "Surely not I, Lord?"

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## Apostles' Attitude Before Jesus' Death

Mat 26:31 Then Jesus \*said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, 'I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK SHALL BE SCATTERED.'

Mat 26:32 "But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

Luk 22:45 When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow,

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## Apostles' Attitude Before Jesus' Death

Mar 14:70 But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders were again saying to Peter, "Surely you are *one* of them, for you are a Galilean too."

Mar 14:71 But he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this man you are talking about!"

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## Apostles' Attitude After Jesus' Death

Luk 24:13 And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem.

Luk 24:15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and *began* traveling with them.

Luk 24:16 But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him.

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## Apostles' Attitude After Jesus' Death

Luk 24:17 And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad.

Luk 24:18 One *of them*, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?"

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## Apostles' Attitude After Jesus' Death

Luk 24:19 And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people,

Luk 24:20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him.

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## Apostles' Attitude After Jesus' Death

Luk 24:21 "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened.

Luk 24:22 "But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning,

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## Apostles' Attitude After Jesus' Death

Luk 24:23 and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive.

Luk 24:24 "Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see."

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## Why Did The Apostles Change?

- Their grief became joy
- Their fear became boldness
- Their unbelief became faith
- They not only saw and talked with the risen Jesus but they believed the prophecies that had been written of Him
- What they learned – God's plan can never be defeated by Satan and deceived humanity

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## What Made Them Change?

Luk 24:25 And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

Luk 24:26 "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?"

Luk 24:27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

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## What Made Them Change?

Luk 24:30 When He had reclined *at the table* with them, He took the bread and blessed *it*, and breaking *it*, He *began* giving *it* to them.

Luk 24:31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.

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## What Made Them Change?

Luk 24:32 They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

Luk 24:36 While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst and \*said to them, "Peace be to you."

Luk 24:37 But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit.

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## What Made Them Change?

Luk 24:38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?

Luk 24:39 "See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

Luk 24:40 And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

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## What Made Them Change?

Luk 24:44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

Luk 24:45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

Luk 24:46 and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day,

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## What Made Them Change?

1Co 15:8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.  
1Co 15:9 For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

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## What Made Them Change?

1Co 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.  
1Co 15:11 Whether then *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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## Christians' Transformed Lives Today

- Sometimes we think the apostles were changed because they actually saw Jesus after He was raised and were guided into all truth by the Holy Spirit
- Although they had a special role in revealing and confirming the Word, they still had to live by faith, believe in and apply the powerful Word in their lives to please the Lord

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## Christians' Transformed Lives Today

- Same power that created all, raised Jesus from the dead and inspired His apostles is extended to all today through the gospel
- Power not only to forgive us but also to change us into Jesus' image
- But, we must be willing to trust in the risen Lord and His powerful Word enough to obey

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## Power To Forgive Sinners Who Trust and Obey

Col 2:11 and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;  
Col 2:12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

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## Power To Forgive Sinners Who Trust and Obey

Col 2:13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

Col 2:14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

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## Power To Change Christians Who Trust and Obey

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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## Power To Change Christians Who Trust and Obey

Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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## Power To Change Christians Who Trust and Obey

Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

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## Power To Change Christians Who Trust and Obey

Rom 6:11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Rom 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,

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## Power To Change Christians Who Trust and Obey

Rom 6:13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

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## Power To Change Christians Who Trust and Obey

Col 3:1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Col 3:2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

Col 3:3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

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## Power To Change Christians Who Trust and Obey

Col 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

Col 3:5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

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## Power To Change Christians Who Trust and Obey

Col 3:6 For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience,

Col 3:7 and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.

Col 3:12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

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## Power To Change Christians Who Trust and Obey

Col 3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

Col 3:14 Beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

Col 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

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## Power To Change Christians Who Trust and Obey

Eph 1:18 *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Eph 1:19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might

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## Power To Change Christians Who Trust and Obey

Eph 1:20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,

Eph 3:16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,

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## Power To Change Christians Who Trust and Obey

Eph 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Eph 3:18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

Eph 3:19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

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## Power To Change Christians Who Trust and Obey

Eph 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

Eph 3:21 to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

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## Power To Change Christians Who Trust and Obey

Php 3:7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

Php 3:8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,

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## Power To Change Christians Who Trust and Obey

Php 3:9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith,

Php 3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

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## Power To Change Christians Who Trust and Obey

Php 3:11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Php 3:12 Not that I have already obtained *it* or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

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## Power To Change Christians Who Trust and Obey

Php 3:13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead,

Php 3:14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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