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| 1Resurrection Sunday Sermon Outline03/31/24“Our Resurrection Hope”INTRO: He is risen! (He is risen indeed!) We meet Sunday because of resurrection right? Resurrection = changed everything Story of dentist = believe if resurrection is true -Think about it: no other religion = resurrection No other religious leader spoke with such absolute authority like John 10:18 “*I have authority to lay my life down, and I have authority to take it up again.*”Muhammed, Buddha, Vishna, Shiva, Brahma, etc. = dead | 2Maybe one claimed same thing as Jesus…Still problem is = still dead  -Never backed up that claim Goal today not to give you intellectual proofs/evidences/logical proofs = resurrection If you want that check out other scholars who have given more thorough proofs of resurrection Most important reason: = Not intellectual problem but a moral problem I can give you all evidence in world (both external and internal evidence) = still wouldn’t believe Why? Because Romans 1 = not intellectual problem but a moral one = “suppress the truth in unrighteousness”  |
| 3Romans 1:21 “*for even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened*.”ILLUST: Famous apologist defending resurrection (apologist = someone who defends something) Gave his reasonsSecular guy = I don’t doubt all those facts and evidences, I just simply don’t believe what you believe That’s the point! Faith doesn’t come by intelligently persuading someone’s degenerate debased mind. Faith comes by what?... | 4Faith comes by = ? = hearing and hearing the Word of GodPeople don’t want to believe in the resurrection because that means they are accountable to Jesus!Same thing with Evolution! Evolution is not science, it’s a pseudo-science It’s moreover a belief system trying to explain our originsReal science = observable, testable, repeatableEvolution made up = avoid accountability with God But you might say, “well some have come to faith by those arguments for the historical fact of the resurrection” I would say “they came to faith despite all the intellectual arguments for resurrection” |
| 5Yes, God used that but it wasn’t because he happened to stumble on those arguments God was the one who opened up his eyes not only to irrefutable nature of the resurrection, but the glory of the resurrection. Now…why Resurrection? Why did Jesus have to rise? Resurrection relation to our salvation? Let me take you back to beginning Book of Genesis Genesis chapters 1 + 2 = God created heavens and the earthOur world came about through power of Word of God  | 6Pinnacle of creation = man + woman Lived in garden of Eden = paradise World where sin and death not introduced Can you imagine that? Can you imagine world without sin and death? It’s hard to imagine because I’ve only known a world of sin and death But something terrible happened…Adam and Eve = sinned Free will = chose themselves over maker Chose 1 John 2:16 “*the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life*.” |
| 7When they did that, sin entered the world Not only sin, but consequence of sin entered world = death First death = innocent animal slain to cover Adam and Eve Gen. 3:21 “*The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them*.”Taking the place of Adam and Eve = foreshadow of what Christ will do for us Then go to Genesis chapter 5 Read Genesis 5:1-31 (notice one word repeated over and over again) The problem = death  | 8You and I will die just like everybody else No one = escaped death = outlived death Conception = time bomb of death started ticking 1 Cor. 15:22 “*For as in Adam all die*”Apostle Paul Rom. 5:12 “*Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, so death spread to all men, because all sinned*.”In other words, fact that all human beings = died = all sinned+ All who sin = confirm that all will die  |
| 9If Jesus died on cross for your sins and never raised to back to life, salvation would be incomplete In fact, redemption would fail/utterly no hope 1 Cor. 15 If the resurrection never happened, “*we out of all people would be most to be pitied*” Anyone theoretically = claim to die for your sins and actually die Muhammed can claim that Buddha can claim that But the actual transaction that Muhammed and Buddha is trying to make through their death by paying the penalty for your sins = denied because they will still be dead = sin has not been conquered Remember = death = consequence of sin  | 10For someone to defeat death by rising from grave = they also defeated power of sin = causes death That is why Jesus needed to be raised from the dead for your sake ChristianYes, “*as in Adam all die*,” but the rest of that verse is “*so in Christ all will be made alive*”That is why Jesus came to this earth to raise not only Himself but you!John 6:38-40 “*For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. Now this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.* “*For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day*.”Amazing promise!  |
| 11Not only died for you and rose for you but will make sure you will be reach perfection when time comes Unbreakable chain of redemption Rom. 8:28-30 “*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. Because 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 brothers; and those whom He predestined, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified; and those whom He justified, He also glorified*.”What’s amazing = verbs = aorist tense = completed action = as if they have already happened Salvation so secure and absolute it’s as if you have already been glorified Resurrection of Jesus Christ = stamp or seal of approval from Father = work of cross finished | 12Resurrection = showed JC = truly Son of God He did truly break the power of sin Sent by Father, Son laid down life, and Holy Spirit raised Him up We worship not only crucified Savior but a resurrected Savior But…There’s also another reality to the resurrection Because if He is raised from dead That means He has authority over everything Everything He says is absolute truth Everything He says commands reality And He said He will come again to judge the world  |
| 13If you have placed your trust in Jesus = risen Jesus = comforter and hope If you haven’t = Judge Acts 17:30-31 declares, “*having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now commanding men that everyone everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He determined, having furnished proof to all by raising Him from the dead*.”One who created youWho gave life to you Who has showered you with blessings from aboveis commanding you to repent today from your sins Trust in Jesus = so no longer a judge but your redeemer  | 14Realize that it’s the kindness of God that will lead you to repentance God has been so kind to you So extremely patient So extremely loving So extremely merciful But because He is a God of love, He must punish everything that contradicts that love = which is sin 2 Peter 3:9 “*God is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance*.”Get right with risen Savior today who conquered your greatest enemy. Let’s pray  |