



You May Have Life in His Name

John 20

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Overview: The Gospel of John was written for the express purpose of convincing readers they could have eternal life by believing in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Of all the signs that John employs to demonstrate the truth of Jesus's messianic identity, the resurrection surpasses them all in its importance and application. It was also the sign that the followers of Jesus were slowest to comprehend, due to their inability to understand Scripture, their vulnerability from past experience, their susceptibility to give in to fear, and their hesitancy to believe the testimony of others. None of these reasons disproved the resurrection of Jesus or reversed its results; instead, those who believe, then and now, are forgiven by God, have peace with God, belong to the family of God, and have eternal life with God.

01. Denying the reality of Jesus's resurrection, whether based on intellectual, emotional, or personal reasons, does not disprove the resurrection or the message of the church.

02. Believing the reality of Jesus's resurrection extends beyond the intellect and emotions; it involves a personal commitment to Christ and the life of the church.

03. Living in the reality of Jesus's resurrection provides intellectual joy, emotional security, and personal fulfillment, flowing from Christ and shared through the church.

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1. The mistaken reports about the body being taken (verse 2) and the multiple references to running (verses 2-5) are clues John provides to indicate no one expected Jesus to rise from the dead. Why do you think the disciples were clueless about the resurrection, even though they had been informed ahead of time by Jesus? (see Matthew 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:17-19)

2. Have you discussed the resurrection of Jesus with anyone who does not believe that it actually happened? What reason(s) did they provide? How did you respond to their objections?

3. What continuities do we find with regard to Jesus's pre-resurrected body and His post-resurrected body? What discontinuities do we find? How does this information help us understand how we will live after the final resurrection?

4. In what way does Jesus's breathing on the disciples in verse 22 mirror God's breathing into Adam in Genesis 2:7? How does this passage point forward to the reception of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:1-4? How is their task of forgiving or withholding forgiveness thus directly tied to, and therefore, not independent of, the proclamation of the gospel?

5. Does the fact that John intends his book to be an evangelistic treatise (verses 30-31) take away from the truthfulness of his story at all? Why is it mistaken to assume that complete objectivity must also come with complete neutrality? Put another way, conceding that John tells the truth about Jesus's ministry, why should anyone be surprised that he became a believer and that he wants every reader also to believe in Jesus?

For Further Reading: *Paul Beasley-Murray, The Message of the Resurrection* (InterVarsity Press, 2000)

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CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Verse 1

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

Verse 2

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, He all doth save. Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Chorus

Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! He is risen!
He is risen! Alleluia!
We will give Him all the glory!
Alleluia! He is worthy!
He is holy! Alleluia!

Verse 3

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Tag

He is risen, He is risen!
Alleluia!
He is risen, He is risen!
Alleluia!
He is risen, He is risen!
Alleluia!

CHRIST IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED

Verse 1

How can it be the One who died has born our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death?
Sing, sing hallelujah!

Verse 2

For joy awakes as dawning light, when Christ's disciples lift their eyes
Alive He stands, their Friend and King!
Christ, Christ He is risen

Chorus

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh, sing hallelujah!
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed,
"Christ is risen, He is risen indeed"

Verse 3

Where doubt and darkness once had been
They saw Him and their hearts believed
That blessed are those who have **not** seen yet
Sing "Hallelujah!"

Verse 4

Once bound by fear now bold in faith
They preach the truth and power of grace
In pouring out their lives they gave life
Life everlasting

Chorus

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh, sing hallelujah!
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed,
"Christ is risen, He is risen indeed"

Verse 5

The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live His grace
Go, tell of His goodness!

Chorus

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh, sing hallelujah!
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed,
“Christ is risen, He is risen indeed”

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Bridge

He is risen!
He’s alive, He’s alive
Heaven’s gates are open wide!
He’s alive, He’s alive
Now in Heaven glorified!

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IN CHRIST ALONE

Verse 1

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 3

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life’s first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
’Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I stand

Bridge

I find my strength, I find my hope
I find my help in Christ alone
When fear assails, when darkness falls
I find my peace in Christ alone
I give my life, I give my all
I sing my song to Christ alone
The King of Kings, the Lord of All
All heaven sings to Christ alone
To Christ alone, in Christ alone

Tag

’Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand

KING OF KINGS

Verse 1

In the darkness, we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in One
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Chorus

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in One
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe

For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored
And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old shall not knell, shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Chorus

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BEHOLD OUR GOD

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Chorus

Behold our God, seated on his throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

Chorus

Behold our God, seated on his throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Bridge

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever!

Chorus

Behold our God, seated on his throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

BECAUSE HE LIVES (*medley*)

Verse 1

God sent His Son
They called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives

Chorus

Because He lives
I can face tomorrow
Because He lives
All fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future

And life is worth the living
Just because He lives

BECAUSE HE LIVES (AMEN)

Verse 1

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Chorus

Amen, amen
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives

Verse 2

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away!

Chorus

Amen, amen
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives

Bridge

I can face tomorrow
Because He lives every fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hands

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