

Following the Real Jesus: Resurrection

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Luke 24:1-7; Matthew 27:46; John 19:30
Romans 4:25; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15;
Psalm 22:1, 8, 24, 30-31

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¹ Very early on the first day of the week, at dawn, the women came to the tomb, bringing the spices they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the entrance of the tomb, Luke 24:1-2

³ but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, two men in shining clothes suddenly stood beside them. Luke 24:3-4

⁵ The women were very afraid and bowed their heads to the ground. The men said to them, "Why are you looking for a living person in this place for the dead?" Luke 24:5

Why would you think Jesus is dead? Because I saw Jesus die.

⁴⁶ About three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" This means, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Matthew 27:46

Jesus is abandoned by God--His Heavenly Father.
"This is my son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

This is a huge problem.

The Jesus movement is driven not by his teaching but by his radical claims about himself.
"I Am..."

³⁰ he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and died. John 19:30

When the I AM dies there is nothing for them to do but abandon the movement.

They come in faithfulness but not in faith. They come out of duty. They have come to say goodbye.

⁶ He is not here; he has risen from the dead. Do you remember what he told you in Galilee? ⁷ He said the Son of Man must be handed over to sinful people, be crucified, and rise from the dead on the third day." Luke 24:6-7

When you miss the must: You start looking for living things among the dead.

You start looking in this dying world for anything that makes you feel alive, happy, significant, or safe...

Everything sin touches it kills.

²⁵ Jesus was given to die for our sins, and he was raised from the dead to make us right with God. Romans 4:25

The love of Christ controls us, because we know that One died for all, so all have died.
2 Corinthians 5:14

Control: to hold something together.

His love holds us together

¹⁵ Christ died for all so that those who live would not continue to live for themselves. He died for them and was raised from the dead so that they would live for him. 2 Corinthians 5:15

To know Jesus Christ is to live a life held together (controlled) by His love. The more you give this love away the more you have.

¹ My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? You seem far from saving me, far away from my groans. Psalm 22:1

⁸ They say, "Turn to the LORD for help. Maybe he will save you. If he likes you, maybe he will rescue you." Psalm 22:8

²⁴ He does not ignore those in trouble. He doesn't hide from them but listens when they call out to him. Psalm 22:24

³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. ³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it! Psalm 22:30–31

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