

WHAT JESUS' RESURRECTION MEANS FOR MY DAILY LIFE

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If Jesus Died But Failed to Come Back to Life . . .

1. I would never have been "born again".

(1 Peter 1:3 ESV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Having been born again I now have:

- Total forgiveness of all my sins

(1 Corinthians 15:17 ESV) And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

- Amazing power to overcome sin and obey Christ

(Ephesians 1:19-20 ESV) and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

(Romans 6:4 ESV) We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

- Invincible power to do ministry effectively for God's glory

(Acts 1:8 ESV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

2. I would never feel acquitted (not just pardoned) and would be running from God as Judge.

(Romans 4:25 ESV) (Jesus) who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

- Christ's resurrection was God's stamp of approval that Jesus' death was payment in full for all our sins.

3. I would despair of my existence in the life to come. Would I be forced to merge into some cosmic consciousness without meaning or individuality? No! I will have a body like Jesus' body.

(1 Corinthians 6:14 ESV) And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

(2 Corinthians 4:14 ESV) knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.

(1 Corinthians 15:20 ESV) But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

4. I would stop working for the Lord and stop evangelizing because there is no point and no reward.

(1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV) Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

5. I would grow bitter thinking that the injustices of life have no meaning and I am a fool for believing a lie.

(1 Corinthians 15:17-19 ESV) 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.

(Colossians 3:1-4 ESV) If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

6. I would quit trying to conquer my sinful habits and indulge the flesh.

(Romans 6:12-13 ESV) Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.