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Resurrection: This Changes Everything

Series: *Our Place in God's Plan – A Study in the Book of Acts*

Acts 2:32 (NIV) — 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

Central Thought: The resurrection of Jesus is *the* central fact of history. It's either the great hope of humanity, or the greatest hoax of history.

Peter's Sermon

- ❖ The life, death and resurrection of Jesus was due to God's plan, not man's power.

Acts 2:23 (NIV) — 23 This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

1 Peter 1:20–21 (NIV) — 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. (See also Revelation 13:8)

- ❖ The resurrection of Jesus elevates him to the place of supreme authority and affirms his position as the sole savior of mankind.

*Acts 2:36 (NIV) — 36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both **Lord and Messiah.**”*

*Acts 4:12 (NIV) — 12 Salvation is found in **no one else**, for there is **no other name** under heaven given to mankind **by which we must be saved.**” (See also Philippians 2:9-11)*

- ❖ The resurrection of Jesus commands a response.

*Acts 2:38 (NIV) — 38 Peter replied, “**Repent and be baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ **for the forgiveness of your sins.** And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

*Matthew 28:18–20 (NIV) — 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and **teaching them to obey** everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (See also Romans 10:9, 10)*

Homework:

- ❖ Read the “See also” passages above.
- ❖ If you haven't already, talk to Pastor Scott (or someone else that you trust) about following Christ through repentance and baptism. (scott@ccclamesa.com)
- ❖ Begin a habit of daily Bible reading and prayer.