

Essentials for Resurrection Life

The Book of First John – EPISODE 1 (1 John 1:1-4)

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1 John 1:1-4

Jesus' resurrection paves the way for us to experience resurrection one day too.

1 Corinthians 15:12-23

Essential Truths to Receive Resurrection Life:

(1) Jesus existed from the beginning, which makes Him God.

(2) Jesus came in the flesh, which makes Him Man.

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(3) Jesus died in the flesh, which makes Him our Redeemer.

(4) Jesus rose in the flesh and ascended into heaven, which makes Him our Risen Savior who renews all things.

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Jesus is the eternal life we receive.

"To know God is to live in a rich, moment-by-moment, gratitude-soaked, participatory life together."

- John Ortberg

"I ended my first book with the words "no answer." I know now, Lord, why you utter no answer. You are yourself the answer. Before your face, questions die away. What other answer would suffice?"

- CS LEWIS ('Till We Have Faces)

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Jesus is where joy is found.

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We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

PRACTICING THE WAY

As disciples of Jesus, we know our allegiance to Him as King is expressed in our daily practice. We are not pursuing perfection but want to practice our faith each day. These practices will point you toward spiritual formation as an apprentice (disciple) to Jesus.

Start the Bible Recap reading plan with a friend.

Recite this prayer daily:

Father, You desire for us to be known by You. We can bring our requests to You in prayer. Jesus, teach us to pray like You. Show us how to be in right relationship with The Father. Holy Spirit may we hear when You whisper and follow as You guide us. We long to be radiant and reflect the life of faith to outsiders so they can come to God too.

Talk it Over (with friends, a spouse, or your Group)

Read 1 John 1:1-4 What do you notice in this passage?

Sunday's message was about some essential to believe regarding Jesus. Did anything stand out to you or raise a question?

What is the most adventurous or daring thing you have done in your life? Was it worth it? The disciples put their life at risk for the message about Jesus being God and risen. How does your adventure relate to what the disciples may have felt?

Read 1 Corinthians 15. What do you notice about this passage related to our future resurrection? What does the text say about the Christian's resurrection?

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How does the promise of resurrection bring us joy?

Have you been water baptized? Did you recall the moment and joy? Share with your group your baptism story.