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Startling Implications of the Resurrection...

Christianity stands or falls on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When Matthew records for us the events of chapter 28, he is, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, making claims that change the world. We'll look at three implications concerning the authority of Christ based on the resurrection.

1. He has authority over life and death

If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, then we don't have to worry about a thing He said, because it was a lie. But if Jesus rose from the dead, then we must accept everything He said, for His authority is absolute. Jesus closes this chapter and the Gospel as a whole by claiming, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (v. 18). Jesus' absolute authority based on the resurrection means that He has authority over life and death. Shortly before His own death, Jesus told His disciples the following:

*No one takes it [My life] from Me, but I lay it down
on My own. I have the right to lay it down,
and I have the right to take it up again.*

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays

9:45 am—Sunday School
11:00 am—Worship Service
(Live on Facebook & 98.1 FM Radio)
6:00 pm—TruNorth (Youth Group)

Mondays

6:00 pm—Pastor Kevin's Bible Study
on Facebook

Tuesdays

10:00 am—Staff Meeting

Wednesdays

6:30 pm—TruNorth (Youth Group)
6:30 pm—Worship, Devotion & Prayer
with Pastor Kevin

Thursdays

6:30 pm—Meditation & Devotion
with Pastor Kevin
On Facebook

Tuesdays & Thursdays

6:30 am—Prayer for Nation/Community
(Church Parlor)

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 01

8:00 pm—Maundy Thursday Service

April 02

7:00 pm—Movie: Passion of the Christ

April 04

Easter Sunday—Normal Services:

9:45 am—Sunday School

11:00 am—Worship Service

April 05

Church Offices Closed

1:00 pm—Soup Kitchen

Need: Cornbread & Desserts

April 07

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

April 13

11:00 am—Women on Mission

April 15

11:30 am—Grief Support Group

April 18

12:15 pm—Quarterly Business Meeting

April 19

1:00 pm—Soup Kitchen

April 21

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

April 23-25

Kentucky Mission Trip

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That's an astounding statement. None of us decides when we will come into this world, and when we die, none of us has the power to say, "I'm coming back to life." But that's precisely what Jesus did, and if He did rise from the dead, then He has absolute authority over life and death.

2. He has authority over sin and Satan

If Jesus rose from the dead, then we must also admit that He has authority over sin and Satan. All men die because they sin, for death is the payment for sin. However, Jesus is one man in all of history who died without sinning; so why did He die? Jesus died for our sins, in our place. After His death, Jesus rose from the grave, not only in victory over death, but in victory over sin.

3. He has authority over you and me

The fact that Jesus has authority over life and death, as well as over sin and Satan, leads to one unavoidable conclusion: He has authority over you and me. Paul speaks to this reality in Romans 10:9-13, what we might refer to as the foundational confession of Christianity:

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. Now the Scripture says, Everyone who believes on Him will not be put to shame, for there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, since the same Lord of all is rich to all who call on Him. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

First, it means He reigns over us supremely. Many times Christians say, "I've decided to make Jesus the Lord of my life." I hate to break it to you, but you didn't have a choice

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in the matter. Jesus is Lord over your life. Scripture says that one day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. The question is not whether or not Jesus is Lord; the question is, "Will you submit to Him as Lord now or when it is too late?"

Second, He loves us deeply. Remember that the purpose of the resurrection is grounded in Christ's love for us. God sent His Son to pay the price for our sin, and the resurrection lets us know that our hope of salvation is not some made-up story, some fanciful myth. The resurrection of Jesus validates everything He said, taught, and told us He came to do. Paul speaks of the Son of God who "loved me and gave Himself for me." Believers should rejoice in Jesus' love demonstrated in both His cross and His resurrection.

Third, Christ's authority over us means that He will judge us eternally. Jesus speaks of His role as judge in John 5:21-23. For all who believe in Christ, the truth of Christ's judgment is good news. It's good news because you can be saved from eternal judgment if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead (Romans 10:9).

Christ's role as judge is also good news because the resurrection reminds us that this world is not all there is. If our only expectations are for this life, then we have no hope in the face of tragedy in this world. Furthermore, Christ's judgment means our efforts for justice in this world become meaningful.

In Christ,
Kevin

**PASTOR
STEVE'S
NEW...**

OFFICE HOURS

Now that we are getting back to more "normal" activities at church, Pastor Steve would like to announce his new office hours.

**Monday 2-5
Tuesday 9-12
Wednesday 2-5
Thursday 9-12**



Minister to
Youth & Families

This Easter I want to ask you, "*do your children really understand the importance of the Easter story?*" That is, beyond the basic Sunday school understanding that most of us have grown up with? This world, and even our nation is fast becoming more and more intolerant of Christians and our beliefs. Today it's more important than ever that your kids truly understand how crucial the events of Holy Week are to our Christian faith.

In an article from last year, Natasha Crain explains this in details that will help equip us to teach children what they need to know about Easter to withstand the attacks they are certain to face regarding their faith. The following is an excerpt, and I have included the web address so you can read the entire article. I hope you will make this part of your Holy Week observance this year.

"Despite the fact that the resurrection is foundational to Christianity, kids often have an underdeveloped "Sunday school" understanding of how Easter fits into the bigger picture of their faith. They may know that on Easter we celebrate that Jesus was raised from the dead, but they may not be able to articulate why it really matters, or why there's good reason to believe it happened. This limited understanding leaves them unprepared for the faith challenges they'll face in today's world. In some cases, those challenges will even come from people who say they are Christian but reject the resurrection as a real event.

To better equip kids for these challenges—and ultimately deepen their faith—we can teach them how the resurrection fits into its wider biblical context. That bigger picture helps give our kids a confident faith when they're surrounded by a culture that sees their beliefs as ridiculous."

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/easter-the-big-picture/>

Remember, you are a blessing!
Pastor Steve



A WORD FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

"And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." 1 Corinthians 15:14 NIV

With some of our regularly scheduled church activities now becoming available and many more to come in the weeks and months ahead, the Music Ministry looks forward to the day when our choir can once again safely lead in worship. We are grateful, however, for those who have been willing to serve during this Lenten and Easter season "pandemic style." **To God alone be the glory!**

In preparing for this article, I once again turned to Robert J. Morgan's **THEN SINGS MY SOUL** (2011 edition, pg. 79). He tells the story of a man named Joseph Williams who once heard Charles Wesley preach. *"I found him standing on table-board...surrounded by, I guess, more than a thousand people, some of them fashionable persons, but most of the lower rank of mankind. He preached about half an hour in such a manner as I have scarce ever heard any man preach....I think I never heard any man labor so earnestly to convince his hearers they were all by nature in a sinful, lost, undone, state; that notwithstanding, there was a possibility of their salvation, through faith in Christ...All this he backed up with many texts of Scripture, which he explained and illustrated, and then by a variety of the most forcible motives, arguments, and expostulation, did he invite, allure, quicken, and labor, if it were possible, to compel all, and every of his hearers, to believe in Christ for salvation."* Many of Charles Wesley's hymns are still sung around the globe each and every Sunday, but *"perhaps his most exuberant anthem is the one he simply called 'Hymn for Easter Day,' published in 1739."* We know it as **"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today."**

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!

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!

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

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GREETINGS FROM OUR HISPANIC CONGREGATION!

Lamentations 3:22-23:

*"Because of the Lord's great love we
are not consumed, for his
compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness."*

Winter always feels like a long season for the ones of us that do not like the cold weather and are eager for warmer weather with the beautiful flowers, the birds singing outside, and the green mountains around us. But after all this, we can still say that the Lord has been good to us during the winter and He will be with us in the spring, summer and autumn because He is faithful and He loves us.

Certainly, I don't know if you are going through a spiritual winter or a hopeful spring, but I do know that whatever the circumstances may be, His mercies are renewed every morning and we can rest on the knowledge that His thoughts and His ways are higher than ours.

We have experienced His blessings in our personal lives and in our congregation, so for that reason we give Him the glory and honor and we await with expectation what His plans are for our life in the future.

*Many blessings to you from the
Hispanic Congregation,*

Daniel Sanchez



We want to thank everyone for all the very generous donations to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering this year. As of March 29th, the total given thus far is **\$2,088.44**. One hundred percent of this offering goes to local missionaries in our country who work to spread the gospel and good news of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Your prayers and support are vital to the ministry of these very dedicated servants. Thank you again for your support of this important ministry.

You are invited to join us on Tuesday, April 13th, at 11:00 AM in the Common Ground Classroom for our regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Women on Mission Group. Come join us for a time of good fellowship as we discuss and plan mission projects for the upcoming year.



Dear First Baptist Family,

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for your sympathy, love, and support that was extended to our family during the death of my mother, Doris M. Marshall. Everything was sincerely appreciated!

*God Bless You ALL,
Benita & Jack Bryant Family*



... to Betty Parrish on the death of her daughter, **Lou Ann Brock**, who passed away Monday, March 30, 2021.

First Impressions Team



Apr 04 Phil Helms & Gay Zachary
Apr 11 Marty & Cathy Parks
Apr 18 Mike Coomes & Ruth Hall
Apr 25 Basil & Nancy Carpenter

Security Team Schedule



Apr 04 Phil Helms / Royce Easter
Apr 11 Jack Bryant / Mike Coomes
Apr 18 Johnny Dickson / John Patterson
Apr 25 Jack Edwards / Terry Anders

CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	02/28/2021	03/07/2021
Evening Attendance	80	74
Sunday School	85	72
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	129	115
Hispanic Worship Service	37	28
Total Worship Attendance	166	143

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,384.04	\$ 9,384.04
BUDGET RECEIVED	13,964.99	10,838.14
REQUIRED TO DATE	84,456.36	93,840.40
RECEIVED TO DATE	80,869.17	91,707.31
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	1,394.81	2,143.38
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 15,359.80	\$ 12,981.52

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	96%	98%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	149%	115%

Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship Service	356	386
Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other	396	924

	03/14/2021	03/21/2021
Evening Attendance	79	87
Sunday School	97	81
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	134	122
Hispanic Worship Service	37	30
Total Worship Attendance	171	152

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,384.04	\$ 9,384.04
BUDGET RECEIVED	8,697.65	10,601.64
REQUIRED TO DATE	103,224.44	112,608.48
RECEIVED TO DATE	100,404.96	111,006.60
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	1,660.86	1,189.74
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 10,358.51	\$ 11,791.38

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	97%	99%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	93%	113%

Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship Service	355	328
Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other	246	372



Monday - Thursday

8:30 to 5:00

Friday

8:30 to 12:00

CHURCH STAFF

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We Believe In The Power Of Prayer



Tammy Anders, cancer; Shirley Melton; Sympathy to the Family of Lewis Martin; Mac Higgins, Warren Bolt (David Banks' Stepfather); Titus & Catherine Lane; Steve & Larkin Conley; Nick Marquina, seizures; Teagan Fell (Lisa Siegle's Granddaughter); Chip Haydt (Michelle Holt Haydt's Husband); Max Brown, leukemia (Martha Dozier's great-grandson); Sharon Garrett, cancer; Rubye Edwards (Kristin McMickle Burnette's Grandmother-in-law); Joe Soles, cancer; Our Preschool Department; Dr. Bill Eddings; Everett Bryant; Judy Hennis; Miles Compton, lung cancer; Hilda Hodges; Cami Gathercole & her daughter (Cami is daughter of Joe & Barbara Sizemore); Stanley Armstrong, cancer; Johnny Hodges, cancer (Hilda Hodges' brother); Chad Trent, cancer (Linda Riddle's nephew); Barbara Baxley; Laila Cox; Alice Hasbrouck (Susan Honaker's sister); Kim Kinser, cancer (Mary Dotson's daughter); Mike McMillan; Juan Rios; Geraldine McMillan (Rhonda McMillan's mother); Fran Halsey; K.T. Carico; Betty Walker, Stage IV cancer (Penny Adams' sister); Stanley Meador (Marie Combs' son); Nell Bartlett; Judy Fayne, cancer (Eugene Fayne's daughter); John & Debby Stringer; Ronald Cummings (Dolly Moss' brother); Betty Fender (Ann Roberts' mother); Our Country; The Unemployed; USA Military and other coalition forces

NURSING HOMES: Hillsville Health & Rehab - Martha Combs, Rm 203 (Dennis Combs' Mother); Waddell Nursing Home - Glennis Morris, Rm 118-B; Helen Robinson, Rm 209-D

STATISTICS - CONT'D

03/28/2021

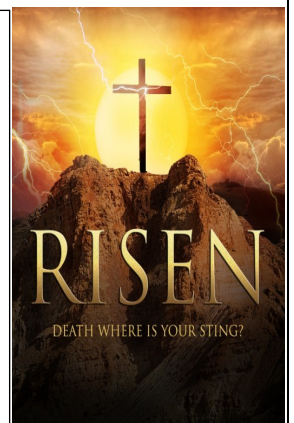
Evening Attendance	-
Sunday School	88
11:00 A.M. Worship	129
Hispanic Worship Service	38
Total Worship Attendance	167

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,384.04
BUDGET RECEIVED	9,219.57
REQUIRED TO DATE	121,992.52
RECEIVED TO DATE	120,226.17
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	2,128.03
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 11,347.60

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	99%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	98%

Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship	408
Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other	108



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30am-Prayer Time 8:00pm-Maundy Thursday Service	2 7:00pm-Movie: Passion of the Christ	3
4 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service 	5 1:00pm-Soup Kitchen <u>Need:</u> Cornbread/Desserts CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED	6 6:30am-Prayer Time 10:00am-Staff Meeting	7 6:30pm-Kingdom Kids 6:30pm-Worship, Devotion & Prayer with Pastor Kevin	8 6:30am-Prayer Time 6:30pm-Meditation/Devotion with Pastor Kevin on Facebook	9	10
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April 02

Dolly Moss

Kate Stevens

April 03

Daniel Coleman

April 04

Kemper Coleman

April 06

Alex Galvan

April 08

Imogene Frye

Robert Hill

Lora Williams

April 09

Iona Adams

John Garner

April 10

David Peterson

April 11

Cathy Parks

Wendi Pemberton

Lewis Porter

April 12

Aubrey Hall

April 13

Savanna Lumpkin

April 14

Evelyn Beamer

Mary Ann Hampton

Harlos Larrowe

Sharon Plichta

Veronica Robles

April 15

Lois Billings

April 18

Lynne Barker

Steve Goatley

April 19

Mike Coleman

Susie Garner

April 23

Jealynn Coleman

Phil Helms

April 24

Dick Cooley

April 27

Selena Cline

Joshua Rosenfeld

April 28

Susan Higgins

Eric Testerman

April 30

David Matthews