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# JESUS ROSE AGAIN

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## Intro

*How many of you can name the first person to reach the summit of Everest?*

*Multiple choice: Was it a) Roger Bannister, b) Neil Armstrong, or c) Edmund Hillary*

*Did you know that Edmund Hillary was not alone? Can you name who reached the summit with him? Tenzing Norgay*

*I share this story to bring to light a situation in which one thing, Edmund Hillary, overshadows the other, Tenzing Norgay when the truth is that both things are equally important and equally necessary in regards to the great feat of being the first to summit Everest.*

*Though journalists were hounding the climbers with the question of who should receive the glory as being the first to climb Everest, Colonel Hunt, the expedition leader, answered these questions by saying, "They did it together."*

**Christianity – Death of Christ often overshadows the resurrection of Christ**

**Easter rectifies that situation – equally necessary, equally important, the go together!**

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4 ESV** [3] For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, [4] that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

**John Calvin:** Whenever mention is made of his death alone, we are to understand at the same time what belongs to his resurrection. Also, the same synecdoche applies to the word "resurrection": whenever it is mentioned separately from death, we are to understand it as including what has to do especially with his death.

*Luke 24:46-47 ESV [Jesus] said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem*

## 1) Why did Jesus rise from the dead?

It was ordained by God

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Peter at Pentecost – **Acts 2:22-32 ESV** [22] “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—[23] this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. [24] God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. [25] For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
     for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
 [26] therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
     my flesh also will dwell in hope.  
 [27] For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
     or let your Holy One see corruption.  
 [28] You have made known to me the paths of life;  
     you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

[29] “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. [30] Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, [31] he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. [32] This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

## 2) Why did God ordain the resurrection of Jesus?

Many reasons

Purpose:

- In preaching – **1 Corinthians 15:14 ESV** [14] And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.
- In life – **2 Corinthians 5:15 ESV** [15] and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.
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*Have you neglected the resurrection? In your thinking and in your practice of your faith has the resurrection been overshadowed? It is so much more than just for your assurance of life after death.*

#7 – Justification – Struggling with assurance, tempted to fall into legalism, unable to see the great gift of grace in our salvation – justification is a great help.

- The resurrection plays a necessary and important part in justification: **Romans 4:25 ESV** who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

#29 – Hope – hope for now, in hard times you are going through.

- Paul is in fear for his very life and in despair, but the resurrection brought him hope even in his living: **2 Corinthians 1:9 ESV** Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.

#35 – Desires – are desiring the wrong things, your affections grasping on what they shouldn't – Paul gives us some help on how we re-orient or re-calibrate our desires.

- **Colossians 3:1-2 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.

Over-arching purposes for the resurrection:

### 3) Christ's resurrection demonstrates his victory over sin.

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

If it's the blood of Christ, the death of Christ, that covers all our sins and justifies us before God, then why are we still in our sins if the Christ does not rise from the dead?

**Piper:** “The answer we have seen is this: the resurrection of Jesus is the reward of his sacrifice. It is the proof of how perfect and all-sufficient his sacrifice was. Therefore if God does not give the reward, it is because the sacrifice is defective and our faith is futile and we are still in our sins.”

*Proof of sins forgiven – great assurance of more than your resurrection!*

### 4) Because of the resurrection, we get God.

**Romans 6:5-8 ESV** [5] For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. [6] We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. [7] For one who has died has been set free from sin. [8] Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also **live with him**.

We live with him!

**Romans 8:34 ESV** [34] Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—**who is at the right hand of God**, who indeed is interceding for us.

*Consider participating in Christianity Explored: Session 3-6 ~ Sin: Why did Jesus come? The Cross: Why did Jesus rise? Resurrection: Why did Jesus rise? Grace: How can God accept us?*

*Understand the inter-connectedness of the death and resurrection!*

*Expand our application of the resurrection in our lives.*