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- The story that defines our faith.
- The event that sets Jesus apart from other teachers, prophets or religious leaders.
- The primary fact that transformed Christ's disciples.

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- **Matthew 16:21** (ESV)

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

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- **Matthew 17:9** (ESV)

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

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- **Matthew 20:17-19** (ESV)

¹⁷ And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem ... on the way he said to them, ¹⁸ “See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.”

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- Read **Matthew 27:57 – 28:20**

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Christ's Credibility:

- He said he would rise. (**Matthew 16:21, 17:9, 20:19**)
- The chief priests and Pharisees remembered that he said this sort of thing. (**Matthew 27:63**)
- The angel confirmed the resurrection. (**Matthew 28:6**)

Christ's Present Ministry

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- Our High Priest
- **Hebrews 8:1-2** (ESV)

Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ² a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.

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- Our Intercessor
- **Hebrews 7:23-25 (NLT)**

²³ There were many priests under the old system, for death prevented them from remaining in office. ²⁴ But because Jesus lives forever, his priesthood lasts forever. ²⁵ Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.

Christ's Present Ministry

- Our Advocate

- **1 John 2:1** (NLT)

My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.

Christ's Present Ministry

- The Head of the Church
- **Colossians 1:18** (ESV)

And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

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 1. Our Savior died.
 2. He now lives.

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- **1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (ESV)**

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.

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- **1 Corinthians 15:14-18** (ESV)

¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise ...

¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

The Gospel Message

- Without the Resurrection of Jesus there is no gospel.
- Christ's death is then irrelevant.
- The Bible is irrelevant.
- The Church is irrelevant.

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- Without the Resurrection of Jesus there is no gospel.
- We might even say that we are irrelevant.
- We are just lumps of flesh that are born, grow old, die and never matter to anyone.
- Except maybe to a few other useless lumps.

The Gospel Message

- If the story is true, then it is also very relevant.
- Nothing more relevant has ever happened.
- And we need to apply the truth of it to our lives.

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- **Romans 3:22-24** (NET Bible)

For there is no distinction, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. ²⁴ But they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

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- **Isaiah 59:1-2** (ESV)

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened,
that it cannot save,
or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;
² but your iniquities have made a separation
between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden his face from you
so that he does not hear.

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- Our sin gave God three choices:
 1. He could have punished our sin and compromised his own holiness.
 2. He could have ignored our sin and compromised his own holiness.
- **Proverbs 17:15** (ESV)
He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous are both alike an abomination to the LORD.

Making It Personal

- Our sin gave God three choices:
 3. He could execute a plan that allowed our sin to be forgiven without his holiness being compromised.

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- Before we ever sinned God chose Option #3.
 1. He could have judged our sin and simply allowed us to be lost.
 2. He could have ignored our sin and compromised his own holiness.
 3. He could execute a plan that allowed our sin to be forgiven without his holiness being compromised.

Making It Personal

- **Ephesians 3:8-10** (ESV)

⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

Making It Personal

- **Romans 5:7-9** (ESV)

⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Making It Personal

- Acts 17:30-31 (ESV)

³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Assurance of Eternal Life

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1 John 5:11-13 (NET Bible)

¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² The one who has the Son has this eternal life; the one who does not have the Son of God does not have this eternal life.

¹³ I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

A Prayer Expressing Faith in Christ

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- *Dear Lord Jesus,*
- *I know that I am a sinner and that I need Your forgiveness.*
- *I believe that You showed your love for me by dying for my sins when You died on the cross.*
- *I believe You rose from the dead.*

A Prayer Expressing Faith in Christ

- *I want to turn away from my sins and follow You. I invite You to come into my life. I trust You as My Savior and respect You as my Lord.*
- *Thank You Lord, for hearing my prayer.*
- *Amen.*