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**Jesus Defeats Death
at the
Cross and Resurrection**

1 Corinthians 15 ESV

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

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25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

27 For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. 28 When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

The Point

Jesus has defeated death through His resurrection, and He now reigns in victory, offering eternal life to all who belong to Him.



He is Risen

- Paul boldly proclaims Jesus has indeed been raised from the dead.
- Jesus' resurrection is not just spiritual - it's a real, bodily event supported by eyewitnesses (over 500 people saw Him after He rose).
- Jesus is called the "firstfruits"
 - He is the first to rise, never to die again
 - The promise of what awaits all believers.

He is Risen

- His resurrection proves that Jesus is who He claimed to be - the Son of God and the only way to eternal life.

*6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
(John 14:6 ESV)*

- Because Jesus rose from the dead, we can be sure of our future resurrection & eternal life with God.

Death in Adam Life in Christ

Romans 5:12-21



Death in Adam/Life in Christ

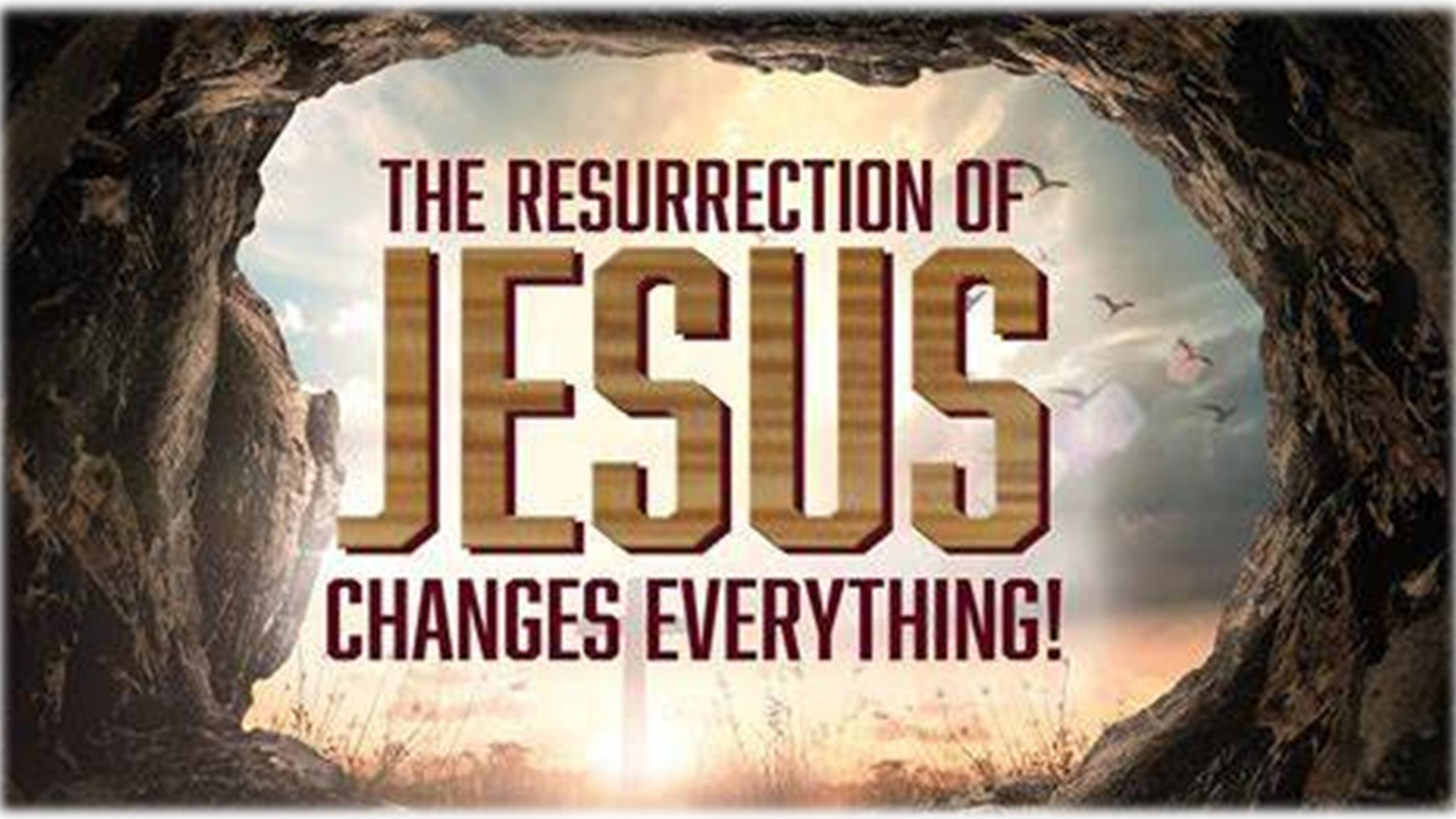
- Through Adam, sin entered the world, and with sin came death for all.

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned (Romans 5:12 ESV)

- All people are born into Adam's sin, but all who belong to Christ will be made alive through Him.

Death in Adam/Life in Christ

- Adam brought separation from God; Jesus brings restoration & eternal relationship with God.
- Sin always leads to death - spiritual separation from God - but Jesus died in our place to conquer that death.
- Believers in Jesus no longer face death as defeat - our bodies rest & our spirits go to be with the Lord.



THE RESURRECTION OF
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The Resurrection of Jesus Changes Everything

- Jesus didn't just die - He rose again, defeating death & promises to return to raise His people.
- Death is no longer the end; it is a doorway to eternity with God.
- Jesus offers life now & forever - free from guilt, fear & spiritual separation.

The Resurrection of Jesus Changes Everything

- Eternal life with Christ means no more pain, no more tears & no more separation.

4 “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” (Revelation 21:4)

- We live with confidence & peace, knowing Jesus reigns & we will reign with Him forever.

Practical Application

- Trust in the reality of the resurrection to give you peace about death.
- Remember that your future is secure in Christ - death is not the end.
- Share your faith story with your children & grandchildren.
- Worship Jesus as your risen Savior daily through prayer & praise.
- Take comfort that loved ones in Christ who've passed are safe with Jesus.

Practical Application

- Let your heart be filled with hope, even as your body grows weak.
- Read Scripture daily to remind yourself of God's promises.
- Live in gratitude for the eternal life Christ has given you.
- Encourage others at Windsor with the truth of the resurrection.

Discussion Questions

- What does it mean to you personally that Jesus has defeated death?
- How does knowing Jesus rose from the dead give you peace today?
- What's the difference between how the world views death and how the Bible views it?
- How does the promise of resurrection affect the way you live now?
- What are you most looking forward to in eternal life with Christ?

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