

Jesus Has Overcome

Read: Matthew 27:32-28:10

Main idea: The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the centerpiece of all of human history and the ultimate determinant of our eternity.

Key Verses: “When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”” (27:54 ESV)

Key Principles:

- The cross is first and foremost for God’s sake because forgiveness is a direct threat to the character of His holiness and righteousness.
- The realization of God’s holiness and perfect purity should immediately cause us to reflect on our own sinfulness.
- Jesus died our death, endured our condemnation, and suffered our separation so that we could live, be forgiven and be reconciled.
- Christianity stands or falls on the literal, bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Because Jesus rose from the dead, we must admit that He has authority of sin, death, the grave and Satan.
- Salvation comes through believing that our only hope in this life and eternity comes from the person and work of Jesus Christ and not our works.

Discussion:

1. How can a righteous God be loving to rebellious sinners who have earned His wrath because of their sin? Can we as sinners be righteous before God?
2. How does the cross expose our sin? What does it say about the seriousness of our sin?
3. How does the truth of Christ’s substitutionary death impact our daily pursuit of holiness? How would you explain substitution and propitiation to an unbeliever?
4. Why is it important for us to believe in a literal, bodily resurrection of Jesus from the dead? What are some of the other explanations that people have offered in history?
5. What does it mean for Jesus to reign over us supremely? Why is it important that He has all authority of death, hell, the grave and Satan?
6. How does the truth of the resurrection fit into a presentation of the gospel? Explain the connection between Jesus’ resurrection and your own salvation.

Prayer:

- Pray specifically for people you know who don’t yet know Christ as Lord and Savior.
- Pray:
 - o For the many guests who heard the gospel over Easter weekend at College Road.
 - o For the members and attendees of College Road to be bold in sharing the gospel.
 - o That God would remind you of the power of the crucifixion and resurrection for your life.

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- I. Jesus was punished for our crimes. 27:32-37

- II. Jesus was mocked by the guilty. 27:38-44

- III. Jesus died in our place. 27:45-56

- IV. Jesus was buried in our tomb. 27:57-66

- V. Jesus has risen for our salvation. 28:1-10

NEXT WEEK:
We Can Be Restored
John 21:15-19