

# Celebrating The Resurrection

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## Monday:

This is a season of Awakening, and God is moving on the hearts of all mankind. He is after our heart, but He won't push to get it. You have to open the door. Jesus said, "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock*".

Your imagination will fall short when you try to imagine what kind of glorious day that was when Jesus came out of the tomb. That should hit you right in the heart, if you think about it.

There has never been a day in the history of the world, maybe even in eternity, where that can equal what happened on this day that we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. It's a very big deal!

The cross is so important, especially as it relates to the Christian community, because it was the religious crowd that put Jesus on the cross. How that happened was that they did not have a relationship with God. That can still happen in this day and time.

So you get so caught up and going through the religious motions that you miss the relationship part. We can have the conceptual knowledge that He's our Heavenly Father, but it's the experiential (experiencing an actual relationship with God) is where the magic happens.

It just shows you how easy it is to be deceived by religion and just going through the motions. It gives you a false sense of spiritual wellness. Those people who have that spiritual blindness are convinced of their own righteousness, too busy looking down on everyone else who is not going through the religious motions like they are.

Matthew 5:20 says, "*Unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the Kingdom of Heaven*". The Kingdom of Heaven is actually Jesus.

## Tuesday:

The people who put Jesus on the cross actually thought they were doing God a favor, in that they were putting to death this impostor, who claimed to be equal to God. They knew their religion, but they didn't know God.

Jesus said, "*You search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life, but you're not willing to come to Me*".

God is what He is, but Father is Who He is. That's how He wants us to know Him. The scriptures should lead us to an initial encounter and into further encounters, where we interact with God. That's where the magic happens.

This is how blinding religion can be: Revelation 3:17, *Because you say, "I'm rich, have become wealthy and have need of nothing" – and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked.*

There was no death more violent or excruciating than the crucifixion. The Romans invented it to punish political offenders. It's a slow, agonizing death, by suffocation, dehydration and exposure. It's extraordinarily painful. The soldiers mocked Him. The crowd mocked Him. His best friends betrayed and or abandoned Him. He was all alone, and was completely innocent and they knew it.

The resurrection is probably a bigger deal than any of us can possibly comprehend or imagine. It is the crowning event of the entire Christian faith. It's what the whole foundation of the Christian faith is built upon.

### **Wednesday:**

There never was or will be a day in the history of the world, or even throughout eternity, like the day Jesus came out of the tomb.

**God, the Father, the Creator of the universe, came in the likeness of man, and laid down His life...for one reason; for you.**

I want you to get the revelation that Jesus died for all of us. A revelation that if you would have been the only one here, He would still lay down His life for you. That's some kind of love right there! That's what God would do for you.

You are the most prized possession of the Father of everything that He created. You are the apple of His eye. He wants you to experience His immeasurable (which means you can't measure it) love. It's there, but you have to lean into it. It's there for the taking, but He doesn't force it on you.

It's there for you, but you have to lean into it and experience His love. It helps us to love like He loved.

### **Thursday:**

If you don't have someone in your circle who is hard to love, I'm going to pray for you to have one, because we need the practice. God will help you.

There is nobody like you from His standpoint. If you don't really, really believe that you are the Father's favorite, you must not have spent much time with Him lately.

It is really, really an important time now, for us to get where we need to be with the Lord. One of the most dangerous things that you can do is to give God just a part of your life, because whatever you hold back from Him is a part of your life that He can't bless.

Romans 12:1, *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service"*. It's just the common sense thing you ought to do.

Are you giving yourself to God, which is the ultimate act of worship?

**As much as I love the Bible, it was never meant to be a substitute for our relationship with God. As we do that, the real prize to be had, it's just Him.**

### **Friday:**

I have never seen the hearts of people turning, changing and receiving the word like now. People

all over are getting saved. God's turning the hearts of man to Himself.

The smartest thing that we can do is to throw open the doors of our heart and say, "*Lord, have at me*". If you do that, He will take you seriously and He will go to work on everything in your life, because the Bible says He's conforming you into the image of Jesus. He loves you that much!

Romans 5:8, "*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us*".

What are you going to do to demonstrate your love for Him? He did all that for you. What do you do for Him? We need to walk in all that the resurrection has done for us. John 15: 8 says, "*My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit*".

Unless you abide in the vine, you can't bear any fruit. So you don't have to be a rocket scientist to understand that.

**Saturday:**

**It is so important that you take a little time and read Matthew 27:62 thru Matthew 20:20. If you open your heart while reading this, I don't think there is any way that you won't feel how much God loves you.**

When you're confronted with the presence of God, you won't ask Him questions. You know what you'll do? You will do what they did; you will worship. You know why? Because you can't help it.

It's something so profound, important, deep, deep, deep happening, but you just can't put your finger on it. You just know that it's the presence of God. He wants to do that more and more, so that you experience the depths of His love.

His presence is going to be more tangible as we go along. The presence of God is going to get thicker, more tangible and more powerful.

There are people who are going to get saved before they ever get in the building. There are people who are going to drive off the interstate, not even knowing why, who walk into this building and give their lives to the Lord.

If you can see all the darkness and the negativity that's going on in the world, you just have to know that the enemy is not smart enough to outsmart God. But you have to look with spiritual eyes to see what's happening. And when you do, you will see that God is doing a lot more than that.

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit".* **Make disciples (not just converts) of all the nations!**

I'm speaking over you today, that you would awaken. I'm speaking to your spirit right now. I'm speaking to your spirit to wake up to the things of God and get involved, because God is betting the spiritual well-being of the planet on you, and people just like you.