

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

“The Resurrection of Jesus Changes Everything!” Acts 16:22-34

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We celebrate Easter not because of religion...but because in Jerusalem, 2,000 years ago, an event occurred that changed our world.

I. The Resurrection Celebration is about a Historic Event. *1 Corinthians 15:3-6, 8*

II. The Resurrection Celebration is about an Unexpected, Historic Event.

Jesus literally, physically, visibly rose from the dead and the world has never been the same. That historic fact is the foundation of our faith!

III. The Resurrection Celebration was a Catalytic Event.

Paul's compassion for this One helped this man open his heart to God.

Four life-changing decisions:

1. Admit the real condition of your life.

Some of us are here today with fresh regret. *Romans 3:10, 23*

If you realize for the first time that you're spiritually bankrupt, that's good news!

2. Ask the most important question: What must I do to be saved?

Ecclesiastes 3:11 NLT; Romans 10:9 NIV

3. Repent and let Jesus empower you to live a new life!

When a person believes in their heart and becomes a follower of Jesus, repentance means they have a change of mind that produces a change of life!

4. Obey the Lord by being baptized.

Simple questions you might have about baptism:

1. Why be baptized?

The most compelling reason for every follower of Christ to be baptized is that the Leader of your life and Forgiver of your sins commanded you to be baptized. *Matthew 28:19*

Our faith is certainly personal...but if it's working right...it is not private.

2. When am I ready to be baptized?

The biblical sequence is to first believe, and then be baptized.

Once you understand the desire of Jesus concerning baptism or anything else, you should obey.

3. How should I be baptized?

We baptize by immersion because that's what the biblical word for "baptize" means.

Jesus was baptized by immersion as your example. *Matthew 3:16 NIV*