

# The Way- Standing on the Resurrection

## Sermon Notes

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**Video:** Peter and John post-resurrection.

- So surreal that they certainly had moments of not believing their own eyes.
- Certainly they had moments that words could not express well to others what they had seen.
- Doubt was defeated which led to jubilation.
- They gave their lives to testify to this fact—Jesus is alive.

*How essential to our faith is the resurrection of Jesus Christ?*

**Paul on trial for testifying to who he had seen. Acts 22:30**

- Paul's testimony agitated them because he testified to having met the resurrected Jesus.
- Jesus commanded him to go to the gentiles. **Acts 22:21**
- By order of the Romans, the Sanhedrin and Paul must explain the uproar.

**Paul's defense of his testimony. Acts 23:1-10**

- He aligns himself with God. (1)
- He remained mindful of the law. (5) **Exodus 22:28**
- He exposed the reality of the divide between Sadducees and Pharisees.
  - Sadducees were a more secular sect that were the rulers of the priestly order and more friendly to Rome. They were cynical to anything that would suggest a spirit at work. They did not believe in the resurrection of the dead.
  - Pharisees believed in the resurrection of the dead. They were passionate about holy living and piety before God. They sought religious purity and were more accepted among the common people. They believe in the reality of the spirit world. Angels, demons, good versus evil.
- This cleverly brought them to battle against each other, but caused fury towards Paul.

**Paul's commission to the gentiles continues. Acts 23:11**

**The threat against Paul is intense and will remain so. Acts 23:12-34**

## Is the testimony of the resurrection worth giving your life for?

1. His resurrection provides the power of our transformation.

**1 Peter 1:3** *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."*

2. We are justified because of his power.

**Romans 4:25** *"He [Jesus] was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification."*

3. His resurrection gives us hope of our own resurrection. **1 Corinthians 15:20-23**

4. We have victory over death thanks to Jesus' resurrection. **1 Corinthians 15:51-58**

*"The Epistles depend entirely on the assumption that Jesus is a living, reigning Savior who is now the exalted head of the church, who is to be trusted, worshiped, and adored, and who will some day return in power and great glory to reign as King over the earth."* Grudem

## Because he is alive...

- We have a living king who leads with sovereign power.
- We have a compassionate high priest who advocates on our behalf.
- We have hope in life because death is not our end.

**Video:** *So, if you were a contemporary of Jesus in modern day and you received word he was alive how would you respond?*