

Sermon Outline

JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD | Nick O'Neil

1. Why did Jesus rise?
 - a. "They Fled from the Tomb and Trembling and Astonishment Seized Them" (Mark 16:8) – What did the empty tomb mean?
 - b. Paul, explaining the gospel to the Roman church writes, "the gospel... regarding (God's) Son... appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:2-4)
 - c. The resurrection means our life, for "wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23)
 - d. But what is God's intended endpoint for the resurrection? What does it mean for Christ?
2. Resurrection is the yearning of the bigger, better story (vv. 1-2)
 - a. Resurrection has a context
 - b. Luther: "Scripture is Completely Prophetical" (v.2)
 - c. A Flying Overview of The Bible up to Jesus
 - i. Adam & Eve
 1. "Just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned" (Romans 5:12)
 - ii. Abraham
 1. Life
 2. Righteousness
 3. "Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." (Romans 4:18-22)
 - iii. David (2 Samuel 7; Psalm 2:7; Psalm 110:1)
 - iv. "Descendant of David... , Appointed Son of God" (Romans 1:3-4)
 - v. "I need a hero"

3. God's goal for Resurrection is the Lordship of Jesus over everything (vv. 3-4)
 - a. Line of David
 - b. Son of God
 - c. The great turning point
4. Resurrection makes Jesus worthy to be OUR Lord (vv. 5-7)
 - a. Jesus Christ, OUR Lord (v. 4)
 - b. "to belong to Jesus Christ" (v. 6)
 - c. "Obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake" (v. 5)
 - d. *"Making a life-commitment to Christ was not merely a philosophical shift. It was not a one-step process. It did not involve rearranging the surface prejudices and fickle loyalties of my life. Conversion didn't 'fit' my life. Conversion overhauled my soul and personality."*
(Rosaria Butterfield, *Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert*, 2nd ed, Crown & Covenant Publications: Pittsburgh, 2014, p.34)