

From Insurrection to Resurrection

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I. Insurrection and resurrection

A. Insurrection—a rising up against

[Mar 15:7](#) And there was *one* named Barabbas, *which lay* bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection.

B. Resurrection—a rising up again

[Act 17:32](#) And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this *matter*.

II. The story of Jesus is the story: “From Insurrection to Resurrection”

A. Two intertwined insurrections

1. The insurrection concerning Barabbas

[Mar 15:7](#) And there was *one* named Barabbas, *which lay* bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection.

2. The greater insurrection concerning Jesus

[Mar 15:9](#) But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

[Mar 15:10](#) For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy.

Mar 15:11 But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them.

Mar 15:12 And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto *him* whom ye call the King of the Jews?

Mar 15:13 And they cried out again, Crucify him.

Mar 15:14 Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him.

Mar 15:15 And *so* Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged *him*, to be crucified.

Mar 15:28 ...And he was numbered with the transgressors.

B. A story within a story—Barabbas pictures from insurrection to resurrection

Mar 15:7 ...Barabbas, *which lay* bound with them that had made insurrection with him...

Mar 15:15 ...Pilate...released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus...to be crucified.

Mar 15:28 ...he was numbered with the transgressors.

—One Son of the Father died in the place of another son of the father

—The Son of the Father took the place of the insurrectionist

—The son of the father was released from death (a picture of resurrection)

—The picture is the one who committed insurrection experiencing resurrection

C. From insurrection to resurrection

Mat 28:1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

Mat 28:2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

Mat 28:3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

Mat 28:4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*.

Mat 28:5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

Mat 28:6 He is not here: for he is risen...

Mat 28:9 ...And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

III. All of history is the story: “From Insurrection to Resurrection”

A. The insurrection of the first Adam

Gen 3:6 ...the woman...did eat, and gave also unto her husband...and he did eat.

1. An attempted cover-up

Gen 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

2. Adam played the blame game

Gen 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

3. The world under the curse of death

Gen 3:17 ...cursed *is* the ground for thy sake...

Gen 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

4. The first of many deaths that Adam had caused

Gen 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

5. The man would not be able to take of the tree of life of his own strength

Gen 3:22 And the LORD God said...lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Gen 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden...

6. The man died that day—Yet God maintained the way of the tree of life

Gen 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword...to keep the way of the tree of life.

B. The Bible speaks of two Adams

1Co 15:45 ...The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.

C. The theological significance of the two Adams

1Co 15:21 For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Rom 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

D. The Bible speaks of both the first and last Adams as being the (S)sons of God

Luk 3:38 ...Adam, which was *the son* of God.

Mat 3:17 ...This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

—As one Son of the Father died in the place of another son of the father

—Even so, one Son of God died in the place of the other son of God

—As one insurrectionist (Barabbas) was released from death
—Even so, another insurrectionist (Adam) will be released from death

—As the last Adam died in the place of the first Adam
—Even so, the first Adam will live in the place with the last Adam

E. The glory of the resurrection that awaits—Thanks to the last Adam

1Co 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.

1Co 15:46 Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

1Co 15:47 The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

1Co 15:48 As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.

1Co 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

1Co 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

1Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

1Co 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

F. The Bible ties the last to the first

Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Rev 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.

Rev 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

Rev 22:4 And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads.

Rev 22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

IV. Knowing the reality of resurrection will loose us from the pains of death

Act 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

Act 2:24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

V. Knowing the reality of resurrection will help us when we face death

2Ti 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

2Ti 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:

2Ti 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

VI. Looking forward to resurrection and backward to the cross gives purpose for life

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

VII. Resurrection is everything that matters

—Resurrection is the only thing that matters