

HE WHO WAS RAISED - Rm 8:34

1. Rm 8:34 Whenever we read of Jesus' death, we include His resurrection [1C 2:2; 1C15:14]. The Christ who died is the Christ who was raised.

1st: Yes, Rather

1. NIV: *more than that*; NKJ *and furthermore* - yes- 2C1:20.
2. Why emphasize resurrection? Teaching on living the Christian life in power of Holy Spirit in face of seeming insurmountable opposition. *No condemnation & no separation* [v35-39].
3. Live in hope by power of Spirit, legally loved by enthroned Lord.
4. *Yes, rather*: yes, Jesus died, but don't stop there - see your enthroned Lord!

2nd: Who Was Raised

1. Here is the crux & essence of biblical religion: Dan 12:2-3. Martha's hope [Jn 11] & apostle's preaching in Acts [17:18] -> court scenes.
2. Without Jesus' resurrection/enthronement, there is no Christianity. There is no other hope for sinners who face the certainty of death & Final Judgment.
3. Jesus' was raised as 1st-fruit of resurrection harvest: life of age to come. 1Cor 15:14,17-19. We *perish* having lived a *pitiabile* life if no resurrection.
4. Why do we so easily lose sight of the resurrected Jesus? Immature faith [Cors] - Satan's deives - 2C 11:3. We, who have eternal life, are liable to chase after the wealth of this world while the world's wealthy are telling us that wealth cannot purchase what we already have: eternal life!
5. As we come to LT, mediate on something that Jesus has obtained for us by His resurrection. Can you think of some? Rm 8:31-35a