

HIStory (Part 4)
Jesus: His Victory
(Jn. 19:30 -20:30)

Introduction: In a sudden turn of events, this Jesus whom the disciples had believed was the Christ, the Son of the living God had been arrested, beaten almost beyond recognition and hung on a cross between two thieves. Certainly questions ran through their minds – And like one whose world has crashed feeling as if they have lost everything – they wondered – what now? What was HIStory?

The disciples had heard...

I. The prediction of His resurrection:

Just about every time Jesus spoke of His death, He mentioned His resurrection.

A. The people were looking for a sign –

1. Paul writes in 1 Cor. 1:22 (*cf. Mt. 12:39*)
2. Note Jesus answered with a picture of His resurrection (v.40)

B. The people needed to listen to what was said – (1 Cor. 15: 14-57)

C. We have a living hope – just as Jesus predicted His resurrection He promised us ours! (Jn.5:24, 25, 28, 29)

II. The proof of His resurrection:

The resurrection of Christ from the dead is not an issue we have to accept purely by faith – there are plenty of supporting facts.

A. First there is the material evidence - (Jn. 20:1-7)

(Mk. 16:4) (Mt. 27:62-66; 28:1-6) (Jn.20:6,7)

B. There is the physical evidence – The New Testament records no fewer than 11 physical encounters with our risen Lord. (1 Cor. 15:6) (Jn. 20:11-18; vv. 19-23; .24 -29; Jn. 21:1-23)

C. There is Historical evidence - (1 Cor. 15:6)

III. The power of His resurrection:

What does it mean to us that Jesus died and was buried and three day later rose from the grave?

A. It means He paid in full our sin debt (Rom. 6:23)

B. It means He provided you and I a new level of living – (Rom 6:1-4 cf. 2 Cor. 5:17)

C. It means He provided us a new power for living – (Phil. 3:10; 1 Cor. 15:57)

1. What this means is–

- a. **Paul said** (Phil. 3:10).
- b. **So no matter what life may bring – (1 Cor 15:57; Phil. 4:13)**

2. What this means is...

- a. **It gives me proof of my salvation –** The resurrection validated Jesus claims therefore I can take Him at His word
- b. **It gives me power over sin** (1 Cor. 15:56,57)
- c. **It gives me purpose for serving** (1 Cor. 15:58)
- d. **It gives me the promise of eternal security** (1 Cor. 15:20-23)

Conclusion: If today, you want to turn your sorrow into joy, your desperation into determination, and your old life into the beginning of new life...

You can by doing as those disciples did – Receive and believe His word, by putting your faith and trust in “Jesus as the One Who Defeated Death!” and brings us victory through His resurrection power!

HIStory is one of victory for Him and because of Him; it is a story of victory for us as well!