

What the Resurrection of Jesus Reveals to Us

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Opening

- Introduction
- Hymn: "All Shall Be Well," St. Louis Jesuits
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tjd3ljn7FOg>
- Prayer: Rm 8:5-11

⁵Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh; but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶The mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace, ⁷because the mind of the flesh is hostile to God: It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those controlled by the flesh ⁹cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are controlled not by the flesh, but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive ¹¹because of righteousness. ¹¹And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead^r will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you.

Teachings

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0Dc01HVIaM>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cz201Od_Xe4

Where are we then? What really happened Easter morning?

All that we can say for sure is that several women and a few men claimed to have encountered the same Jesus of Nazareth crucified a couple of days earlier, but changed now in many wonderful ways. Even the most skeptical among us must at least admit that *they believed they encountered him*. It is the only thing that explains the beginning of the Church.

In trying to explain just what might have been the nature of this risen person they encountered, we confront a mystery, an experience that transcends the fullness of our understanding. But one thing that stands out is that the Church's proclamation of the resurrection is either the biggest hoax ever perpetrated upon humanity, or it is God's mysterious work of salvation through the person of Jesus Christ. These are really the only logical options open to the inquiring mind. Any other evidence for the resurrection will have to be gained from our own experiences in living the life of faith that the Church encourages. The mind can take us no further. (pp 23-24)



Sharing

- *Because Jesus is risen . . .*
 - You can think about Jesus
 - You can pray to Jesus
 - You can pray with Jesus
 - You can imitate and follow Jesus
 - You can allow Jesus to pray within you
 - William Johnston, S. J., *Invitation to Love*
- What are the implications of the resurrection of Jesus?
 - What does the resurrection of Jesus mean to you?
