



Main Point: Let us stop relying on ourselves and turn to God who raises the dead

1. Mark's account of the Resurrection inspires us to love the Savior
2. Mark's account of the Resurrection reminds us of the price and value of our redemption
3. Mark's account of the Resurrection leads us to be more like Christ

#1 :

"In Mark's Gospel, this fear is always man's response to the breaking in of the power of God. It is the fear the disciples experienced when Jesus stilled the storm; the fear of the Gerasenes when Jesus delivered Legion; the fear of the disciples as they saw Jesus setting his face to Jerusalem to die on the cross. This fear is the response of men and women to Jesus as he shows his power and majesty as the Son of God."

Sinclair Ferguson
The Study of Mark

#2:

"Why is it that we see so little of this strong love to Jesus among Christians of the present day? How is it that we so seldom meet with saints who will face any danger, and go through fire and water for Christ's sake? There is only one answer...A low and feeble sense of sin will always produce a low and feeble sense of the value of salvation...It is the man who feels much forgiven who loves much."

J.C. Ryle
Mark: Expository Thoughts on the Gospels

#3:

"What God is doing in the coronavirus is showing us— graphically, painfully—that nothing in this world gives the security and satisfaction that we find in the infinite greatness and worth of Jesus. This global pandemic takes away our freedom of movement, our business activity, and our face-to-face relations. It takes away our security and our comfort. And, in the end, it may take away our lives. The reason God exposes us to such losses is to rouse us to rely on Christ. Or to put it another way, the reason he makes calamity the occasion for offering Christ to the world is that the

supreme, all-satisfying greatness of Christ shines more brightly when Christ sustains joy in suffering.”

John Piper
Coronavirus and Christ

#4:

Acts 2:22-24

Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

#5:

Acts 2:36

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.

#6:

Romans 3:22-26

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

#7:

“He was wounded—for transgressions that were ours. He was crushed—for iniquities that were ours. He was chastised—to deal with ‘dis-peace’ that was ours. He was wounded—to heal the disease that was ours. He who knew no sin was made to be sin, so that we who know sin might be made righteous in him...So Christ grounds our pardon by bearing our guilt and punishment; he grounds our positive righteousness by providing his own perfect obedience. Consequently, justification not only deals with past guilt, but also secures a complete righteousness for us before God.”

Sinclair Ferguson
Some Pastors and Teachers

#8:

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

#9:

Philippians 1:21-23

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

#10:

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.