

*“Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen.”*

**Luke 24:5-6**

## Store In My Heart

### John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

With this passage John reveals that Jesus, the Son, was present in the beginning. Just as important as the statement of creation in Genesis is this statement showing that Jesus, the Word, was present and active in creation. Jesus, our Savior, played a part in bringing this world into existence. His Deity, Godhood, is verified by these words.

The Word of creation brought to us eternal salvation. He lived on Earth as a man without sin. He revealed God's desire for man's salvation. That Word suffered at the hands of God's people, was crucified, buried and raised from the dead.

# The Resurrection is the Why

**Doy Moyer**

“Why should I remain a Christian? The church has so many hypocrites in it. I have been mistreated by Christians who don't seem to care about me as a person. Then, some Christians have conflated American political party views with what the Bible teaches and it reflects poorly. Christians are worldly anyway, so what's the difference. The church just doesn't care for people and is more interested in rights than service. Why shouldn't I leave it? Why shouldn't I walk away from God? Give me one good reason.”

The resurrection of Jesus. This is the why. This is the reason. If it is true, then everything else that serves as an objection could never justify walking away from God. If it didn't happen, then the way of Christ is false. If it did happen, then it's true and we are responsible to it.

I do not doubt that there are hypocrites, or that some churches have mistreated people, or that some have abused political platforms, or that some are worldly and more interested in personal rights. I've seen and witnessed all of this. But these do not mean that the resurrection is false. And if the resurrection happened, then Christ is indeed Lord and we are accountable to Him. Period. No other reason could justify walking away from Him.



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## For Our Information

Adene Gray feels weak and is having trouble sleeping. She is also adjusting to a diet change.

Brenda Keisler had a rough day last week but is doing better now.

Marsha Clayton, neighbor to Dan & JoBeth, fell yesterday and broke her hip. She is having surgery today to help correct this problem.

Tonight we start in 1Kings 22.

Wednesday we are in 2Timothy 3:10.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

Perhaps adjustments need to be made regarding whom one associates with. Perhaps by our own commitment we can show others by example how they ought to be living and acting. Whatever we must do to serve the Lord, do it, for the resurrection is the driving truth as to why we need to remain faithful to Him. He was raised and He is Lord.

“But you don't understand what I've gone through.” Maybe. Maybe not. Please do not assume that you know what I have been through, as I don't want to assume that of you either. That's not the issue, however. If Jesus was raised from the dead, then whatever else we may say, we must acknowledge Him as Lord and act accordingly.

- The resurrection is the reason for the existence of the people of God (**Acts 2**).
- The resurrection is the basis for any hope (**1Peter 1:3-5**).
- The resurrection is the grounding for our resurrection (**Romans 6:3-6**).
- The resurrection means that we know our work in the Lord is not in vain (**1Corinthians 15:58**).
- The resurrection is the proof that we will stand before God in judgment (**Acts 17:30-31**).

No negative personal experiences will change the truth of the resurrection. Feelings do not change the facts. Christians acting poorly do not extinguish the truth of Jesus. Again, whatever we must do to serve Jesus, do it, for it all hinges on His resurrection. If it did not happen, then walk away. If it did happen, we must cling ever closer to Jesus as Lord so that we may have life in His name (**John 20:30-31**).

I believe. That's why I stay.

(This article goes well with the thoughts in our lesson this morning. We sometimes consider the proof of the resurrection. It is also good for us to consider what the resurrection means for our own lives. As Paul tells the Corinthian brethren, since Jesus was raised from the dead, we must act in accordance with His teaching. Otherwise we must not truly believe. DLH)



We seek only to serve God according to His Will!