

# Easter 2010

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## *Importance of Easter*

### Claims of Christians are unique

- Jesus is God incarnate
- Jesus' Death and Resurrection are central for all humanity
- **Rom.1:4** – Jesus declared to be the Son of God by the resurrection

### The Basis of our faith

- **1Cor.15:17** – If Christ is not risen your FAITH IS FUTILE, and you are still in your sins
  - Believing in the Finished work of the Cross and the Resurrection
  - As our sins are forgiven, we can have victory over sin
  - No just a doctrine but also an EXPERIENCE OF GRACE
    - Have you believed...?
    - Do you feel forgiven, and accepted by God, or still carry the weight of your sins?
    - Do you feel free from bondages, or you look at the circumstances in your life?
    - Do you feel and know that you are saved?
    - What does that mean to you?
    - If you did not experience God's grace. It is simple, only believe.

### Your Beliefs Create Your Experiences

- It is not by going through ceremonies and formulas. These do not get results
- It's what you do inside that counts

### APPROPRIATING THE TRUTH - Prayer

## *Resurrection of the Dead*

### Always a Item of Contention

- **Mt.22:23** – Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection
- Why is it difficult to accept? Not within our experience. It seems so far fetched.
- Why is it critical for spiritual breakthroughs
  - Entering into the reality of the spiritual dimension – **Jn.3:3-5**
  - Believing in life after death
  - Believing in heaven and hell

### Biblical Example of Sure Cases

- LAZARUS – **Jn.11:1-53**
  - **V.14** - Lazarus is dead
  - **V.39** – He was dead for 4 days
  - **V.33-34** – Came out bound up
- SON OF THE WIDOW OF NAIM - **Lk.7:11-17**
  - **Mt.11:3-5** – Jesus' credentials – There must have been others raised
- JESUS – After 3 days
- PETER RAISES DORCAS after some time – **Act.9:36-43**
- Even TODAY many cases

## *Experiencing the Resurrection Power in Any Area of Your Life*

### Daily –

- PRAYER , MEDITATION and IN HIS PRESENCE
- **Philp.3:10-11** – That I may know the power of his resurrection
  - Desire to appropriate,
  - Not that I have taken hold = Gk. Lambano (often receive)
    - Apprehended = katalambano = seize, take hold violently, possess
    - No matter where you are today – THERE IS MORE
    - A progressive appropriation
- **Rom.8:11** – The same spirit
  - Give life to your MORTAL BODIES – Not just spiritual
    - **THAT INCLUDES PHYSICAL HEALING**

- IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF TRYING HARDER, BUT OF CHANGING YOUR BELIEFS

### **Baptism**

- Identify with Death, Burial and resurrection of Jesus

### **Communion - 1Cor.11:23-34**

- Taking hold of His death and His benefit

### **PRAYER FOR TAKING HOLD FOR (PHYSICAL) HEALING**