



Resurrection Life

John 20 & 21

- ❖ *After the crucifixion*
- ❖ *John 20:1-18*
- ❖ *Jesus IS Alive!*
- ❖ *And because He is, we who are His are included in His resurrection*
- ❖ *I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11*

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- ❖ *What about between now and then?*
- ❖ *4 things about Resurrection Life Now*

(1) Remind each other it is true

John 20:17, Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’”

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And do it daily

Hebrews 3:12-14, “Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end”

It protects and preserves our faith

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- ❖ *Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-27)*
- ❖ *If we keep Jesus as the Center of our considerations...*
- ❖ *He will continue to reveal more of Himself to us*

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John 20:19-23

(2) Accept our relational security in Christ

❖ **John 20:21**, So Jesus said to them again, **“Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”**

❖ And in that security –

❖ **Know you are sent!**

❖ Sent to **be like Him**

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❖ Know that He also calls you to **Receive the Holy Spirit**

❖ **Vs. 22**, And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, **“Receive the Holy Spirit.**

❖ (Please note the quotation marks do not end there)

❖ Jesus **giving** the Holy Spirit **will not help...**

❖ If we do not **receive Him.**

❖ (Please don't require Him to explain what He means, or win your approval before you are willing to receive. **Trust Him**)

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❖ He continues (within the quote)...

❖ **Vs. 23**, **“If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”**

❖ This is part and parcel of **receiving the Holy Spirit**

❖ (He seems to be persistent about this forgiveness stuff)

❖ Please also know that you are now **Empowered by the Holy Spirit** to forgive those who sin against you

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John 21:1-14, As you are going...

(3) Continue being **made into His disciple**

So **you will make disciples** who continue being made, and who make other disciples who...

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Vs. 15-19, As you continue...

(4) **Abandon self direction and follow Jesus**

❖ **Vs. 20-23**

❖ **Don't** worry about others,

❖ Or how **God uses them.**

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❖ **Don't compare** yourself to them

❖ **You** follow Him.

❖ He will **direct and empower** you.

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Resurrection life is **ours to receive** now, So...

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*(2) Accept our relational security in
Christ*

*(3) Continue being made into His
disciple*

*(4) Abandon self direction and
follow Jesus*

Every day.