

Gospel Lighthouse Church
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Resurrection Day: The Radical Reality That Changes Everything

Text: I Corinthians 15:1-8.

Introduction: When we hear the word “radical,” we often think of something extreme, transformative, or completely unexpected. The resurrection of Jesus is radical in every sense of the word. To be radical is to bring about fundamental change, to break from what is familiar, and to challenge what we assume is possible. In Christian theology, the resurrection embodies all of this—it defies natural law, overturns expectations, and stands at the very heart of a message that transforms lives and reshapes reality itself. But before there was an empty tomb, there was a spoken promise—Jesus declared that He would rise again.

1. The radical promise—Jesus promised His resurrection—Matthew 16:21—23.
 - Jesus foretold His own resurrection, a promise that was extraordinary and unprecedented and humanly impossible.
2. The radical event—the scriptures validate the resurrection of Jesus—Matthew 28:1-10, “as he said” ...v6.
 - According to the scriptures, the resurrection of Jesus occurred, validating His promise and forming the cornerstone of Christian faith—I Corinthians 15:3-4.
3. The radical effect upon others—mainly Saul of Tarsus on the Damascus Road—Acts 9; I Corinthians 15:8.
 - Saul of Tarsus, who became the Apostle Paul, experienced a life changing transformation and became a key figure in the spread of Christianity.

Conclusion: The resurrection is radical. It is radical in its promise, radical in its reality, and radical in its effect on humanity. It challenges the world, transforms hearts, and calls each of us to live differently in light of eternal hope. Today, may we embrace the radical power of the risen Christ and allow it to shape our lives in ways that nothing else can.

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