

Jesus' Resurrection Reflects the Value of Your Soul  
(Matthew 16:26)

Introduction:

1. By asking the questions recorded in this verse, Jesus indicated that a person's soul is his most valuable possession.
2. Since our souls are so precious, saving them is extremely important.
3. There are many factors that relate to salvation.
4. Previously, we have studied "God's grace" and "Jesus' death."
5. A proper understanding of God's grace and Jesus' death will lead us to conclude that they both reflect the value of our souls.
6. Today we are studying another important subject that relates to salvation: "Jesus' resurrection."
7. Our study will lead us to conclude: "Jesus' resurrection reflects the value of your soul."
8. Before we get to the main point of our lesson, . . .

Discussion:

I. LET US FIRST BE REMINDED OF THE BASIC FACTS CONCERNING JESUS' RESURRECTION

- A. Jesus' resurrection was prophesied in the Old Testament.
  1. Isaiah 53:9-10
  2. Psalm 16:8-11; Acts 2:22-31
  3. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) Jesus *"rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."*
  4. In addition to being prophesied in the Old Testament, . . .
- B. Jesus predicted that He would be resurrected (Matthew 16:21; 17:22-23).
- C. Jesus was raised the third day after He was crucified.
  1. He died and was buried on the day of preparation [Friday] (John 19:40-42).
  2. His body remained in the tomb over the Sabbath [Saturday].
  3. He arose on the third day, the first day of the week [Sunday] (Luke 24:1-8).
- D. After covering these basics, let us turn our attention to the fact that . . .

II. JESUS' RESURRECTION REFLECTS THE VALUE OF YOUR SOUL

- A. Let us examine how this point is made from a negative perspective in the resurrection chapter (1 Corinthians 15:12-19, 20-23).
- B. From a positive perspective,:
  1. Jesus *"was raised again for our justification"* (Romans 4:25; 6:3-6)
  2. Jesus' resurrection gives us hope (1 Peter 1:3-4).

Conclusion:

1. How valuable is your soul?
2. Jesus answered this question in Matthew 16:26.
3. This question is also answered by a careful study of God's grace, Jesus' death, and Jesus' resurrection.