

SERMON NOTES

*Reason To Believe: The Reason to Believe
John 5:25-47*

The resurrection of Jesus is the linchpin of our faith. One theologian put it like this, “Without the resurrection in our creed, our faith dwindles into nothing more than a failed human experiment with morality and religion.”

“He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.” *Romans 4:25*

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” *1 Peter 1:3*

Early in His ministry, Jesus faced opposition and even persecution. Why? It was not because He met needs, ministered to people, or performed miracles. He was rejected and accused of being a false king, a false prophet, and a false Messiah. The real issue was unbelief. The Pharisees, the Sadducees, and many people did not believe in Jesus. In John 5, Jesus provided overwhelming motivation and evidence for people to believe/put their faith in Him. He even spoke specifically about His authority and power to raise the dead. His own resurrection would vindicate His life, His ministry, and His purpose for dying on the cross.

Key thought: There is overwhelming motivation and evidence for you to believe/put your faith in Jesus Christ.

MOTIVATION: The Reality of Resurrection (vs. 25-30)

2 Timothy 1:10; Isaiah 25:8; Hosea 13:14; Revelation 1:17–18; John 17:1–2; John 10:28

- Resurrection of the dead sinners today (vs. 25-27) (Ephesians 2:1-3; John 14:6)
- Resurrection to life (vs. 28-29a) (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; 1 Corinthians 15:51–58; Revelation 20:4–6)
- Resurrection to judgment (vs. 29b-30) (Revelation 20:11-15)

EVIDENCE: The Witnesses to the Deity of Christ (vs. 31-47)

The fourfold witness validates that Jesus has the authority and power to raise the dead! He is Lord over death, hell, and the grave!

- The witness of John the Baptist (vs. 33-35)
- The witness of Jesus’ works (v. 36)
- The witness of the Father (v. 37-38)
- The witness of Scripture (v. 39-47)

Take Away:

- Celebrate Easter with a deeper conviction and stronger hope because Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God! (John 20:31)
- Celebrate Easter by placing your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior! (John 5:24)