

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)
Resurrection Sunday Service — March 31, 2024

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by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor

1st Bible Reading: [Luke 24:1-12](#); 2nd Bible Reading: [John 20:19-20](#)

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- ◇ The Good News is what we receive (not invent), stand upon, and are saved so long as we continue to hold onto it with all our hearts. ([Romans 1:16a](#))
- ◇ The message is a historical claim—these things happened in real time and space.
- ◇ The resurrection was not a private event, nor was it a spiritual event. Jesus Christ bodily returned to life—a new life—and appeared to eye witnesses: the twelve apostles and 500 people at one time.

• **Christ's resurrection** is essential to the *gospel*.

- ◇ Christ died for our sins.
- ◇ Christ's message that through him we can have peace with God.
- ◇ Without the hope of the resurrection our Christian faith is useless and empty of any power.

• **Christ's resurrection** is essential to the *faith*

- ◇ If Jesus did not rise from the dead, then the writer, Paul, the twelve apostles, and the 500 witnesses, including the skeptic James were all liars.
- ◇ If the resurrection of Christ is removed then the power to bring forgiveness of sin(s), peace with God, and inner transformation, its all a sham.
- ◇ “If the dead are not raised, ‘Let us eat and drink today, for tomorrow we die.’” ([v. 32b](#))

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