

Sermon Title: **“What Difference Does The Resurrection Make?”**

Sermon Text: **Hebrews 2:14-15**

Introduction:

“There is nothing that will make the Resurrection of Jesus Christ more real to you than to consider it against the backdrop of your own soon-coming death!”

- **3 things** that are said here about the Resurrection of Jesus that will not only dramatically affect how you view your death, but also how you live your life:

I. Because Of His Resurrection, Jesus Has Defeated The Dreaded Enemy Of Death!

(2:14a)

- The word translated “**through**” is a word that denotes “*the channel, or the carrying through all of an act.*”
- **What the writer had in mind here is not just the experience of death, but rather, it is the conquest of death!**
- Christ’s resurrection to life was the **death of death!**
- ***Romans 6:9; Revelation 1:18; Hebrews 7:16***
- With over 6,000 years of human history under our belt – the statistics are still 1 out of 1 - **death wins!**

II. Because Of His Resurrection, Jesus Has Disarmed The One Who Has The Power Of Death! *(2:14b)*

- ***Romans 6:23; 5:12***

“Because of Satan’s role in man’s fall, he now has, ‘the power of death.’”

- **Don’t misunderstand, this is a divinely permitted exercise of power, a delegated power.**

Death is an awful reality of divine judgment, not satanic victory!

- The word translated “**destroy**” is a word that literally means, “*to render inoperative*” or “*to make of no effect.*”
- Satan has not been **destroyed** but he has been **disarmed!**

- *Because Jesus is the conqueror of death, He is qualified to be both the **forgiver of sins** and the **giver of life!***
- Nothing but **unbelief** can hold man in bondage to Satan!

III. Because Of His Resurrection, Jesus Has **Delivered His People From The **Fear** Of **Death!** (2:15)**

“The resurrection of Jesus Christ has absolutely no meaning, no value, no benefit whatsoever for any of us unless in it we find the answer to the dread and terror of your own death!”

- **When we trust Christ as our Savior, we no longer need to be paralyzed by the fear of death because we have been supernaturally **set free** from its **bondage!****
- Because of what Jesus has done, we can actually look forward to death – for it is a **glorious promotion!** (*Philippians 1:21, 23; II Corinthians 5:8*)
- *If you do not know **Christ**, you have every reason to fear **death!***

No one can hope to escape death unless he is related to the **conqueror of death!**

Conclusion:

The Biblical Facts Of Life:

- **Fact #1** - Our appointment with **death** is **unavoidable!** (*Hebrews 9:27*)
- **Fact #2** - Our quest for **immortality** is **unprofitable!** (*Job 14:14*)
- **Fact #3** - Our future **resurrection** is **undeniable!** (*John 5:28-29*)
- One day everyone will rise from the dead in either 1 of 2 resurrections, it will either be the resurrection unto **eternal joy**, or it will be the resurrection unto **eternal judgment!**

Which will it be for you?