

# WHAT DOES THE RESURRECTION MATTER?

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## Introduction:

- In the first quarter of the 1989 Superbowl, All-Pro Cincinnati nose tackle Tim Krumrie went to the turf with a leg broken in two places. Head coach Sam Wyche, knowing Krumrie was the key to their victory, was heard to say on the sideline, "Get up, Tim. Just get up." He never did...at least not on his own.
- 2,000 years ago, the followers of Jesus, knowing He was the key to everything they lived for, had been saying for two days while Jesus lay in the tomb, "Get up, Jesus. Just get up." On the third day, He got up!
- For the Bengals, a National Football Championship title was on the line. But for the follower of Christ, so much more of eternal consequence is at stake.
- What does the resurrection really matter?

## 1. It Provides \_\_\_\_\_ For Our Faith

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Faith is those things we \_\_\_\_\_ in...and therefore \_\_\_\_\_.

Faith is only as good as the strength of the object in which it is placed. And without a risen, living Savior – without an empty tomb – everything we do would be useless.

## 2. It Gives Freedom From the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Sin

*If Christ has not been raised...you are still in your sins. (v. 17)*

## 3. It \_\_\_\_\_ Death For Other People

*If Christ has not been raised...then those also who have fallen asleep in Jesus are lost. (v. 18)*

## 4. It Places Our Hope \_\_\_\_\_ This Life

*If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. (v. 19)*

## Conclusion:

He got up...  
so we could \_\_\_\_\_.