

THE IMPACT OF THE RESURRECTION

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1 COR. 15:1-8

A Buddhist living in Africa after converting to Christianity was asked why he changed his faith. “If you’re walking along and come to a fork in the road and two men were there, and one was dead and the other was alive, which man’s direction would you follow?” The resurrection shook his belief system to its core, and he converted. Today’s message is directed toward how the resurrection has impacted our world and the impact it should have on our lives today. **1 COR. 15:12-20**

THE IMPACT

1. The world. – **ACTS 17:5-9** “The whole earth” was turned upside down. Thrown into disorder, disturbing kingdoms, cities, making innovations in religion and turning men away from their old way of worship to another way.
 - A. The Physical world. – **MT. 27:51-54, 28:2**
 - The sun hides at noon and the earth is darkened in a clear sky. The earth quakes, rocks are torn, graves give up their dead.
 - B. The world of time. – **MT. 28:5-6** Because of the impact the death, burial and resurrection of Christ had on the world His life became the turning point of world history. We now calculate time using **B.C.** and **A.D.**
 - C. The religious world. – **MT. 27:51-53**
 - The veil was 60’ high, 30’ wide, 4” thick and weighed 4-6 tons. It took 300 priests to carry it to its place. While standing, man’s only approach was through the sacrificial system.
 - The ripped veil, that two horses couldn’t achieve, signified that there’s no more need for the veil, priesthood, sacrifices, or types and shadows. Jesus is the last sacrifice. He fulfilled it all. The glory is gone. Also, the priesthood, temple and sacrifices.
 - D. The political world. – **MT. 27:66**
 - The roman seal stood for the power and authority of the Roman Government. The broken seal meant death to the guards, but the position of the stone saved their lives.
 - No power on earth or under it could keep Him down.
 - E. The world of culture.
 - **ACTS 19:18-19** – They stopped practicing magical arts.
 - **ACTS 19:23-27** – They stopped selling idols, causing an economic crisis in Ephesus.
2. The individual’s world.
 - A. Doubting Thomas. – **JOHN 20:24-29**
 - B. Saul of Tarsus. – **ACTS 9:1-6**
 - C. The Ethiopian Eunuch. – **ACTS 8:35-37** A high court official of Candace, Queen of Ethiopia.

CONCLUSION: The resurrection of Jesus has turned the world upside down. It impacted nature, how we measure time, the world of religion, politics and culture. What impact has it had on your world? How has it impacted you personally? Has it impacted your conduct, character, speech and behavior? Has it done to you what it did to those we talked about? Have you become a witness for the one whose death, burial and resurrection made it possible for you to escape eternal punishment and live eternally in His eternal Kingdom? The memorial has no power to change us without intentional personal application.