

LIFE, DEATH AND RESURRECTION

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INTRODUCTION:

“Upon a life I did not live, upon a death I did not die, but, upon another’s life and death, I stake my whole eternity.” We are living in the land of the dying. When we die, we go to the land of the living. Where we spend our eternal living, is determined by our belief, not our behavior. It is determined by what we believe about another man’s life and death – Jesus! **REVELATION 1:18** If we are going to follow any leader, it should be one with these credentials.

A TWO-SIDED COIN – ROMANS 4:25

VERSE 25 makes a clear statement why Christ died and was raised from the dead. In it, we can see a two-sided coin. On one side, He’s delivered for our offenses. On the other, He’s raised for our justification. This resurrection morning, we will discuss four two side-coins: Problem, provision, achievement and response.

1. Problem: On one side we have sin on the other we have our need – our offense, our need for justification.
 - A. **JAMES 2:10, ROMANS 3:23** – All have sinned.
 - B. **ROMANS 3:20** – We can’t earn justification.
2. Provision: On one side, Christ was delivered for our offenses. On the other, He was raised for our justification.
 - A. **JOHN 3:16, ROMANS 8:32**
 - B. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:16-17**
3. Achievement: On one side we have substitution. On the other, imputation. **ROMANS 3:24-28**
 - A. Substitution: The Son takes our place, bears our sin, becomes the curse and suffers God’s wrath.
 - B. Imputation: He attributes His righteousness to us. He removes our filthy rags and drapes us with His righteousness.
2 CORINTHIANS 5:21
 - Without the risen Christ all the benefits of His death would stand unappropriated forever.
 - If He wasn’t raised, all that He accomplished could never get to us.
 - The dying Christ secures our justification. The risen Christ sees to it that we get it.
4. Response: On one side, we believe. On the other, we submit.
 - A. We believe the gospel. **ROMANS 10:8-10**
 - B. We submit to the Lordship of Christ. **PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11**

ANOTHERS’ LIFE AND DEATH – ACTS 2

1. Peter uses three lines of evidence to preach Jesus as the Jewish Messiah and Savior of the world.
 - A. **V22** - His miraculous life.
 - B. **V23** - His meaningful death.
 - Latin – Stood for the law.
 - Greek – The language of culture, wisdom, art.
 - Hebrew – Religion, the laws of God.
 - C. **V24-32** - His magnificent resurrection.
 - One verse speaks of His life, one of His death, but nine speak of His resurrection.
 - When Peter finished, 3,000 Jews were born again!

CONCLUSION:

Preach the gospel. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-4** – Jesus’ miraculous life, meaningful death and magnificent resurrection, did what man could never do for himself.