



Romans 4:25 | What If He Didn't Rise?

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## Scripture Memory

*“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”*

– 1 Peter 5:6-7

## Application Questions

*Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit [compassntx.org](http://compassntx.org) to join a small group near you.*

1. Read **Romans 4:25** and **Romans 3:21-26**. Why was it necessary for Jesus to be “delivered up for our trespasses”? Why would it have been unjust for God to simply forgive our sins without the death of Jesus? Or, how does the cross allow God to remain just and to justify (declare righteous, innocent, guiltless) sinful people like you and me? *(Bonus: What does this say about the importance of the doctrine of penal substitutionary atonement to the gospel?)*

2. Read **Romans 4:25**, **Romans 6:23**, and **1 Corinthians 15:16-17**. If Jesus never rose from the grave, would your sins be forgiven? Why or why not? What evidence for the resurrection have you found to be most compelling?

3. Read **Romans 6:4**, **Romans 8:11**, and **2 Corinthians 5:17**. How much of your obedience is motivated by gratitude for the gospel versus a sense of duty? Is it wrong to obey from duty alone, or is obedience always right even when our affections are cold? What might that coldness reveal about our hearts?

4. If you were to explain to a friend why the resurrection is “good news” and not just a historical fact, what would you say based on this sermon?

## Recommended Reading

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- *Saved from What?* - R.C. Sproul
- *The Gospel for Real Life* - Jerry Bridges
- *Future Grace* - John Piper
- *The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus* - Gary Habermas and Michael Licona