

Problem:

video -

Read Acts 2:22-38

-what is the proper response to the Resurrection?

according to the most recent polling data between 64-77 percent of americans actually believe that Jesus rose from the dead in space-time history

(<http://www.cnsnews.com/blog/dan-joseph/percent-americans-believing-resurrection-drops-64-77-last-easter>)

but

According to Barna research group:

...only about 3% of all self-identified Christians in America have...surrendered control of their life to God, submitted to His will for their life, and devoted themselves to loving and serving God and other people.

(<https://www.barna.org/barna-update/faith-spirituality/524-self-described-christians-dominate-america-but-wrestle-with-four-aspects-of-spiritual-depth#.U1GzeF6HDJw>)

It seems the church has done a decent job attempting to prove the Resurrection but a horrible job in teaching what the Resurrection proves -namely our real guilt, God's real wrath and His real love.

We so often use Isaiah 53 to prove the Resurrection but the Resurrection proves Isaiah 53

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The Point (Isaiah 52:13)

-The term "high and lifted up," and "exalted," were used by Isaiah first in chapter 6:1-5.

-In what sense does Isaiah 6 see Christ high and lifted up?

-Isaiah uses the expression in 52:13 right before describing Christ's humiliation.

-Read John 3:13-15.

-How does this explain Isaiah's use of the expression?

-Jesus references Numbers 21:5-9 and compares himself to the serpent on a pole to show that He will be high and lifted up as a picture of sin.

-How does, Philippians 2:6-11, explain Isaiah's usage in 52:13 of "high and lifted up," and "exalted"?

-How is this a summarizing point of the whole passage (52:13-53:12)?

The Problem (Isaiah 52:14-53:3)

-53:1 is quoted in John's gospel in 12:35-43.

-Read John 12:27-36 and 1:9-18 and 12:36-43 to find out why.

-Ultimately, the key here is that no one noticed the amazing thing God was doing. No one could even fathom what was happening...that is until the Proof...

The Proof

-Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 and 14-20.

-this is the main idea of the message:

Isaiah 53 does not prove the Resurrection - The Resurrection proves Isaiah 53. It proves our real guilt, God's real wrath, and God's real love. In short, the Resurrection proves the need for our repentance.

The Resurrection proves our real guilt (Isaiah 53:4-6)

- based on the passage, whose grief did He bear? whose sorrows, transgressions, iniquities?
who has gone astray? Who has turned his own way? Whose iniquity was laid on Him?
- Very simply, what does the resurrection prove about us?
 - Read, Romans 3:9-20 to find out.
 - Read Isaiah 64:6.
 - what does God think about our "righteous," deeds?

The resurrection proves God's real wrath (Isaiah 53:7-9)

- What did God do to Christ in this section (what happened to Him)?
 - Read Mark 15:34 to really understand.
 - The biggest mistake we could make would be to imagine that God would carry out this punishment on His innocent Son and then let you slide!*
 - Read Romans 1:18 and Luke 12:4-5, and 49-59.
 - who are we saved from?
 - Read Isaiah 1:10-14.
 - What does God not take pleasure in?
 - Read Hebrews 10:1-7 to find out why?
 - based on this passage, what does God take pleasure in?

The Resurrection proves God's real love (Isaiah 53:10-12)

- In verse 10 the Phrase it was the will of the Lord to crush Him," is more properly rendered that He was PLEASED to crush Him, or that He was DELIGHTED to crush Him. -the word is the same word used in Isaiah 1:10. How does this demonstrate the love of God in the midst of everything else?
 - Read Ephesians 2:1-8, Romans 5:6-8 and John 3:16.
 - How does the Resurrection PROVE above all?

Implication:

- Read Matthew 11:28-30; 2 Corinthians 5:21-6:2
- You are actually guilty before God
- God is actually mad at you personally
- But He carried out His wrath on Christ instead of those who would believe

Application

having spoken about what the Resurrection proves- take some time to solidify your understanding of the evidence regarding this historical event:

<http://www.reasonablefaith.org/the-resurrection-of-jesus>

as you read the above article keep in mind that each point is another point nailing home the truth of this sermon ;)

HE IS RISEN!!!