

The True Meaning of the Resurrection

From Jesus in A Course in Miracles [Sparkly]

Visit my website at the bottom of the page to download FREE PDF of the Sparkly ACIM or to order a Sparkly book.

Today we will talk about the resurrection, but before we dive into it, I want to **review some of the reasons for the crucifixion**, as we discussed together on Good Friday:

1. The government thought it was a danger / threatened by the Kingdom [fear]
2. Jesus knew his death was coming - He told disciples even so
3. He demonstrated during the crucifixion no fear, defencelessness, reparation, love, patience, forgiveness throughout the whole thing. HOW was he able to do that?
4. He knew what it was FOR. It was FOR the resurrection, it was FOR his ultimate demonstration. He knew God was not doing this to Him, but Crucifixion were the projections of man onto him and they knew not what they were doing
5. His FINAL Lesson... was to demonstrate God's Son is guiltless and that we have eternal life. God's Will is eternal life/the Kingdom and love for All, including the evil doers [because they too are God's Son] Jesus proved this to us when he raised himself 3 days later.

We have to look unto what Jesus did, not man's projections onto Jesus.

The resurrection completed the demonstration of the crucifixion.

Without it, Jesus's crucifixion demonstration would be pointless.

“The crucifixion did not establish the Atonement; the resurrection did. This is a point which many very sincere Christians have misunderstood.” p47

It is important to note that, at the time, Jesus could not force understanding unto His disciples, even though He appeared to them. Jesus tells us that His disciples did not fully understand His message. But He had to take them as they were, fear and all. Fear will always cloud our vision of what is actually happening and what it actually means, so what they documented was not entirely what He said, or what He meant about what He did.

To me, Jesus came back in A Course in Miracles to reinterpret many of the things that we got wrong about His Teaching and Ministry... As well as to teach us how to embody His teachings, accept our identity/worth and live it in our relationships and everyday with God, so we can work miracles like He did..

Since the Resurrection of Jesus' True Message and Final Demonstration was that it is impossible to kill God's Son and that He is guiltless---- God's Son is still alive and helping us now. He is helping us see things clearly- without the stone to cloud our view.

So let's look more into this idea of the Resurrection shall we :)



WHAT THE RESURRECTION DEMONSTRATED

1. NOTHING CAN DESTROY TRUTH AND LIGHT ABOLISHES ALL DARKNESS

- **“The Resurrection demonstrated that NOTHING can destroy truth. Good can withstand ANY form of evil because light abolishes ALL forms of darkness. The Atonement is thus the perfect lesson. It is the final demonstration that all of the other lessons which I taught are true. Man is released from ALL errors if he believes in this.”** pg48

Atonement is the undoing or correction of errors and dark/evil/sin...its means are forgiveness. Jesus demonstrated both.

2. BE DEFENCELESS | THERE IS NO DEATH. THE SON OF GOD IS FREE

Jesus' FULL decision was to NOT defend his body.

What is dust is dust. He is not his body and He knew that.

He did not need to defend it. And He didn't.

His defencelessness was his confidence in his trust in God the Father.

He knew He would RISE, and because of that He knew He would not die... so nothing to fear....he could focus on caring for others and not himself.

“There is no death because the Son of God is like his Father. Nothing you can do can change Eternal Love. Forget your dreams of sin and guilt, and come with me instead to share the resurrection of God's Son. And bring with you all those whom He has sent to you to care for as I care for you.” - use of terms

WHICH MEANS

- Since all Gods kids are like God, we are eternal, there is no death
- What is eternal needs no defence
- All effects of sin and guilt have no meaning thus all our sins have been forgiven....
- We can't share in death (body/ego), death is nothingness. BUT WE CAN share in what is Real and eternal (resurrection)
- He wants to care for others as He has cared for us.... Which means not only accept atonement for us... but work miracles, raise from dead and care for others like he did.

- Keep in mind sharing the resurrection with Jesus or miracles can't happen if it goes against free will.
- Jesus remained defenceless when it came to Lazarus...trusting the Spirit to lead him there at the perfect time....He cared for Laz as He cared for Himself



3. ATONEMENT IS THE GOAL. FORGIVENESS IS THE MEANS

Suffering and Crucifixion have no part in Jesus' part...that's not what he was focused on or was experiencing...

- **“The crucifixion had no part in the Atonement. Only the resurrection became my part in it. That is the symbol of the release from guilt by guiltlessness. Whom you perceive as guilty you would crucify. Yet you restore guiltlessness to whomever you see as guiltless. Crucifixion is always the ego’s aim. It sees everyone as guilty, and by its condemnation it would kill. The Holy Spirit sees only guiltlessness, and in His gentleness He would release from fear and re-establish the reign of love. The power of love is in His gentleness, which is of God and therefore cannot crucify nor suffer crucifixion. The temple you restore becomes your altar, for it was rebuilt through you. And everything you give to God is yours. Thus He creates, and thus must you restore.”.** p330

It's all about the atonement... that's what resurrection was FOR and the Crucifixion had no part in that. Crucifixion is of ego who wants to see everyone as guilty. Jesus is urging us to see ourselves without guilt, and as we do, that what we have given it to God, and we will receive it and we will restore.

The atonement clears away the doubt and fear so that we can SHARE In the fact that we are God's Son. This is our awakening and shared identity. When we accept this, it is the atonement [at-ONE-ment] which returns us to knowledge/wisdom. We are not nothing, we are God's Son/Soul.

4. RESURRECTION IS SHARED. CRUCIFIXION IS NOT

Jesus says:

“The crucifixion cannot be shared because it is the symbol of projection, but the resurrection is the symbol of sharing because the reawakening of every Son of God is necessary to enable the Sonship to know its Wholeness. Only this is knowledge.”

T6 p121

[atonement / resurrection is shared because it's of God. Bodies are not of God]

Accepting the Atonement is caring and sharing for self and others equally
[physician of the lord heal self and others]

When we accept the Atonement / truth about ourselves we are choosing only love and to live in a relaxed, available, cooperative posture with the holy spirit and this loving universe.

Once it becomes your thought system it's not an effort or hard to live this way, but at the beginning when you are learning and training is difficult... that's like with all things we learn



here! [At-one-ment] starts with the individual and will extend to the collective through us.

TOTAL COMMITMENT TO THE ONE, NOW

‘We are called to share in the resurrection of Christ’ _Thomas Merton

Now and not in the afterlife.

We don't do good, and do these things to get to Heaven.

Clearly J's message is that we are guiltless... So would there really be a hell in the afterlife if that were true?

Jesus says Heaven is here NOW. Heaven/Kingdom IS you [atonement/resurrection/Love/Light].

We are to bring Heaven/ Atonement here through our decision for it...

“Resurrection must compel your allegiance gladly, because it is the symbol of joy. Its whole compelling power lies in the fact that it represents what you want to be. The freedom to leave behind everything that hurts you and humbles you and frightens you cannot be thrust upon you. But it CAN be offered you through the grace of God, and you can accept it by His grace, for God is gracious to His Son, accepting him without question as His Own. Who, then, is your own? The Father has given you all that is His, and He Himself is yours with them. Guard them in their resurrection, for otherwise you will not awake in God, safely surrounded by what is yours forever. You will not find peace until you have removed the nails from the hands of God’s Son and taken the last thorn from his forehead. The Love of God surrounds His Son whom the god of the crucifixion condemns.” p249

Allegiance = TOTAL Commitment to Resurrection being REAL [and do so GLADLY]

GUARD THEM!!! **“Be vigilant for God and His Kingdom”**

FORGIVE THEM....for God has given you EVERYTHING that is His.

Doing so, represents what we want to BE. Doing so is the fruits/effects of our acceptance.

“Heaven (resurrection) is a decision I must make”...then we experience the effects of it

We talked last week that the only reason we wouldn't be totally committed is if we fear punishment or condemnation or persecution from God for our mistakes /sins....but J affirms

“God does not believe in retribution. His Mind does not create that way. He does not hold your "evil" deeds against you.” T-3.1.3:4-6

Our mistakes happen, but we have forgiveness .J cares about forgiveness and that we accept His teaching for us and about us.



In order for the resurrection / Heaven / Atonement to be ALIVE in us we must believe it's accomplished AND not only in Jesus but in US.

“I am your resurrection and your life. You live in me because you live in God. And everyone lives in you, as you live in everyone. [we are ONE] Can you, then, perceive unworthiness in a brother and not perceive it in yourself? And can you perceive it in yourself and not perceive it in God? Believe in the resurrection because it has been accomplished, and it has been accomplished in you. This is as true now as it will ever be, for the resurrection is the Will of God, which knows no time and no exceptions. But make no exceptions yourself, or you will not perceive what has been accomplished for you. For we ascend unto the Father together, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, for such is the nature of God's Son as his Father created him.” p249

Make NO exceptions.

Be totally committed to what is Real.

Jesus tells us it's a choice between what's real for us....body or Spirit...and what we choose to be real about Jesus is what we will receive for ourselves.... For giving is receiving.

- ***“Each day, each hour and minute, even each second, you are deciding between the crucifixion and the resurrection; between the ego and the Holy Spirit. The ego is the choice for guilt; the Holy Spirit the choice for guiltlessness. The power of decision is all that is yours”*** p319

Either we choose a body as real and who J was Or eternal spirit is real and what J was. What He was to us is what we will come to be.

What we believe, we accept and thus will SEE..... We are told in the Course that...

“...what you believe you do see. That is what I meant when I said, “Blessed are ye who have not seen and still believe,” for those who believe in the resurrection will see it. The resurrection is the complete triumph of Christ over the ego, not by attack but by transcendence. For Christ does rise above the ego and all its works, and ascends to the Father and His Kingdom.” p248

~~~Believe only in resurrection and will see only that.

But you will also be called on to help....the kingdom is real to you....so you do everything to contribute to the kingdom and what is real...overlooking what is not real

J gives us this prayer to say:

***“What I experience I will make manifest. If I am guiltless I have nothing to fear. I choose to testify to my ACCEPTANCE of the Atonement, NOT for its rejection. I***



**would accept my guiltlessness by making it manifest and SHARING it. Let me bring peace to God's Son from his Father.” p319**

We want to experience guiltlessness because we now KNOW atonement is real and here for us to accept. We make it manifest by sharing it as that is God's Will.

Jesus promoted Simon to Peter after said He was Son of God...because that is SHARING and VISION from the Holy Spirit and deserves to be celebrated.

Jesus also said **“these and greater things shall you do”** He is reminding us that if he was able to overcome ego through Christ, He promises us that we are too.  
Eternal love is not just for Jesus, or us, but ALL. .

Eternal love. Means death is impossible “Christ is Risen” \_ Thomas Merton  
Christ is J AND You

## HIS RESURRECTION IS OUR AWAKENING

Life is not the opposite of death, birth is.  
Life is eternal.  
And there is no opposite to Life, which is God/Love.

**“Heaven and earth shall pass away” means that they will not continue to exist as separate states. My word, which is the resurrection and the life, shall not pass away because life is eternal. You are the work of God, and His work is wholly lovable and wholly loving. This is how a man must think of himself in his heart, because this is what he is.”** Miracle Principle 27 Pg 5

*We are loved, lovable and loving. This is the truth. We are the work of God.  
When we accept this, it is the atonement, and heaven and earth are no longer separate states for us but HERE NOW for us. We also can see everyone this way, as we all are, and its what makes justification for forgiveness always justified.*

Jesus affirms resurrection for us means a re-awakening.

**“Your resurrection is your re-awakening. I am the model for rebirth, but rebirth itself is merely the dawning on your mind of what is already in it. God placed it there Himself, and so it is true forever. I believed in it, and therefore accepted it as true for me. Help me to teach it to our brothers in the name of the Kingdom of God, but first believe that it is true for you, or you will teach amiss. My brothers slept during the so-called “agony in the garden,” but I could not be angry with them because I knew I could not be abandoned.”** p120

*“Enlightenment is but a recognition, not a change at all”*



You are ALWAYS what you are [love / son of God]

It just needs to dawn on your mind. Resistance happens, and doubt comes, but Jesus tells us that it need not be that way:

**“ Peter swore he would never deny me, but he did so three times. He did offer to defend me with the sword, which I naturally refused, not being at all in need of bodily protection. I AM sorry when my brothers do not share my decision to hear only one voice, because it weakens them as teachers AND as learners. Yet I know that they cannot really betray themselves OR me, and that it is still on them that I must build my church.”** p120

Even if we make mistakes, even if we still sleep, if we feel the call of Jesus he will build his church on us. He needs us! Even if we are not perfect and make mistakes...

Jesus doesn't think like Humans do.

Stop thinking you know what he meant by what he did.

Most of us are probably wrong.

He was not in agony, he was not abandoned... even though it looks that way to us humans.

Jesus will even show Himself to us, like he did the disciples, in whatever way we need it! [road to Emmaus / Thomas holes in hands]

**“A little while and you will see me, for I am not hidden because you are hiding. I will awaken you as surely as I awakened myself, for I awoke for you. In my resurrection is your release. Our mission is to escape crucifixion, not redemption. Trust in my help, for I did not walk alone, and I will walk with you as our Father walked with me. Do you not know that I walked with Him in peace? And does not that mean that peace goes with us on the journey?”** p261

This is where Faith is required on our part. To take his hand even though we cannot see Him with our eyes.

It's not just our own atonement, or our own reawakening.... This is for ALL. We need to make the same decision as Jesus did... and it was a decision FOR all.

**“He leadeth you and me together, that we might meet here in this holy place and make the same decision. Free your brother here, as I freed you. Give him the self same gift, and do not look upon him with condemnation of any kind. See him as guiltless as I look on you, and overlook the sins he thinks he sees within himself. Offer each other freedom and complete release from sin, here in the garden of seeming agony and death. So will we prepare together the way unto the resurrection of God's Son, and let him rise again to glad remembrance of his Father, Who knows no sin, no death, but only life eternal.”** p476

Doubt or unworthiness from ego may creep in to say you can't do this or aren't ready.... but



***“I have said that the abilities you possess are only shadows of your real strength, and that perception, which is inherently judgmental, was introduced only after the separation. No one has been sure of anything since. I have also made it clear that the resurrection was the means for the return to knowledge, which was accomplished by the union of my will with the Father’s.” pg56***

You do NOT need to know/understand first. That comes after. We are trained over time. But we must totally commit to heaven/resurrection /atonement/being God's Son if we want to experience our real strength and peace of Mind.

## In Conclusion

Jesus has left us with a lot to think about.

He did not die. He did not suffer. He was defenceless and totally committed to the atonement/resurrection....And so can we be.

Jesus' part was the crucifixion / resurrection ....ours is not.

But we have a part in the atonement / resurrection like He did..... so we have to prepare ourselves for that. Here is how we can prepare:

- 1) “I will accept my part in God’s plan for salvation.”

***“Today is a day of special dedication. We take a stand on but one side today. We side with truth and let illusions go. We will not vacillate between the two, but take a firm position with the One. We dedicate ourselves to truth today, and to salvation as God planned it be. We will not argue it is something else, we will not seek for it where it is not. In gladness we accept it as it is, and take the part assigned to us by God”.*** Lesson 98 -----> choose only that the resurrection is real so you can accept your part in God's Plan for salvation. God needs you to heal and help others heal. So set that goal that this and only this you want, even if you do not understand how or what.

- 2) *In Quiet I receive God's Word Today [heal]*

***“This world will change through you. No other means can save it, for God’s plan is simply this: The Son of God is free to save himself, given the Word of God to be his Guide, forever in his mind and at his side to lead him surely to his Father’s house by his own will, forever free as God’s. He is not led by force, but only love. He is not judged, but only sanctified. In stillness we will hear His Voice today, without intrusion of our petty thoughts, without our personal desires, and without all judgement of His holy Word. We will not judge ourselves today, for what we are can not be judged. We stand apart from all the judgements which the world has laid upon the Son of God. It knows him not. Today we will not listen to the world, but wait in silence for the Word of God. Hear, holy Son of God, your Father speak. His Voice would give to you His holy Word to spread across the world the tidings of salvation and the holy time of peace. We gather at the throne of God today, the quiet***



**place within your mind where He abides forever in the holiness which He created and will never leave.”**

3) Give Faith to Each other[help others heal]

***“Give each other faith, for faith and hope and mercy are yours to give. Into the hands that give, the gift is given. Look on your brother, and see in him the gift of God you would receive. It is almost Easter, the time of resurrection. Let us give redemption to each other and share in it, that we may rise as one in resurrection, and not separate in death. Behold the gift of freedom that I gave the Holy Spirit for both of you. And be you free together, as you offer to the Holy Spirit this same gift, and giving it, receive it of Him in return for what you gave.”***

