



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	Resurrection: He has Risen!	SPEAKER	DSP Chua Seng Lee
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Resurrection Sunday marks the most important day of our faith. We celebrate the fact that Jesus is a Risen Saviour who lives amongst us and the message of Resurrection Sunday is still relevant to us to this day. May we know and experience the resurrected power of God in our lives every day!

RESURRECTION: HE HAS RISEN!

Why is Resurrection Sunday so important to us?

1) **RESURRECTION IS REAL**

There are three evidences that prove that the resurrection is real: the empty tomb, the encounter with Jesus and the establishment of the early church.

a) Empty Tomb

There are three possibilities that explain the empty tomb: the soldiers stole it, the disciples stole it or that Jesus had truly resurrected. Firstly, why did the soldiers not bring out the body of Jesus to discredit the disciples' testimony of Jesus? The reason is simple; the soldiers did not have the body of Jesus. Secondly, the disciples were discouraged, in despair and had all dispersed after the crucifixion of Jesus. They were psychologically crippled to mount such a great mission to steal Jesus' body from a heavily secured and guarded tomb. Hence, the only conclusion left is that Jesus had truly resurrected.

b) Encounter with Jesus

In 1 Cor 15:3-8, Paul recorded a list of people to whom Jesus appeared to after His resurrection. On top of appearing to Paul personally, Jesus had also appeared to His twelve disciples and to more than 500 brethren. This personal encounter with Jesus was not simply from the mouth of one but many others who could also testify to this. Furthermore, John 20:27 shows us that some of these encounters with Jesus were concrete, bodily and physical. They were more than abstract visions and dreams.

c) Establishment of the church

1 Cor 15:17 shows us that the resurrection of Jesus Christ was the foundational truth embraced in the establishment of the early church. It was the disciples' strong belief in this truth of resurrection that brought them together, and it was for the same truth that the disciples were willing to give up their lives for.

2) RESURRECTION REQUIRES WORSHIP AND OBEDIENCE

Resurrection proves that Jesus is God and Jesus' Word is true.

- **Jesus is God**

Jesus was crucified to pay for our sins. He overcame death with His resurrection, and He is coming back. Let us respond to this truth that "Jesus is God" in worship. Worship means to give worth and to honour. Worship goes beyond our singing; it is a living sacrifice of our lives.

- **Jesus' Word is True**

Everything that Jesus says will come to pass. We will be held accountable for all that we have heard from the Word of God. Let us respond to Jesus' Word with obedience. God can use us to be a channel of His blessing to bring hope to others even in the most challenging situations that seem impossible to Man. All we need to do is hear and obey.

3) RESURRECTION RELEASES HOPE

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

The Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is the same Spirit that dwells in us right now! The power that overcame the grave is the same power that is at work within us today. There is life through the Holy Spirit who lives in us. Let us lay hold of the Holy Spirit and ask God to do something new in our life. There is always hope in Christ.

CONCLUSION

Resurrection is real. It requires our worship and obedience. Resurrection releases hope. Do you need HOPE today? Do you need to see the resurrection power? All we need to do is to believe in our hearts and confess with our mouth with this prayer:

- Sorry - For our sins and sinning (lack of faith)
- Please - Forgive me and come into my life
- Thank You - For "resurrecting" me and being my hope.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is the resurrection of Jesus vital to our faith? How is the resurrection of Jesus real in your life?

2. The fact that Jesus is God and Jesus' word is true propel us to a posture of worship & obedience. Glorify Jesus by sharing an example of how He is your God or how you have obeyed God in a specific area of your life.

3. Are there friends or family members who have not encountered this resurrection power of Christ? Share about who you feel burdened for and what you can do to share the good news with your pre-believing loved ones even in this season of Covid-19 and lockdown.