

## True, but “so what?”

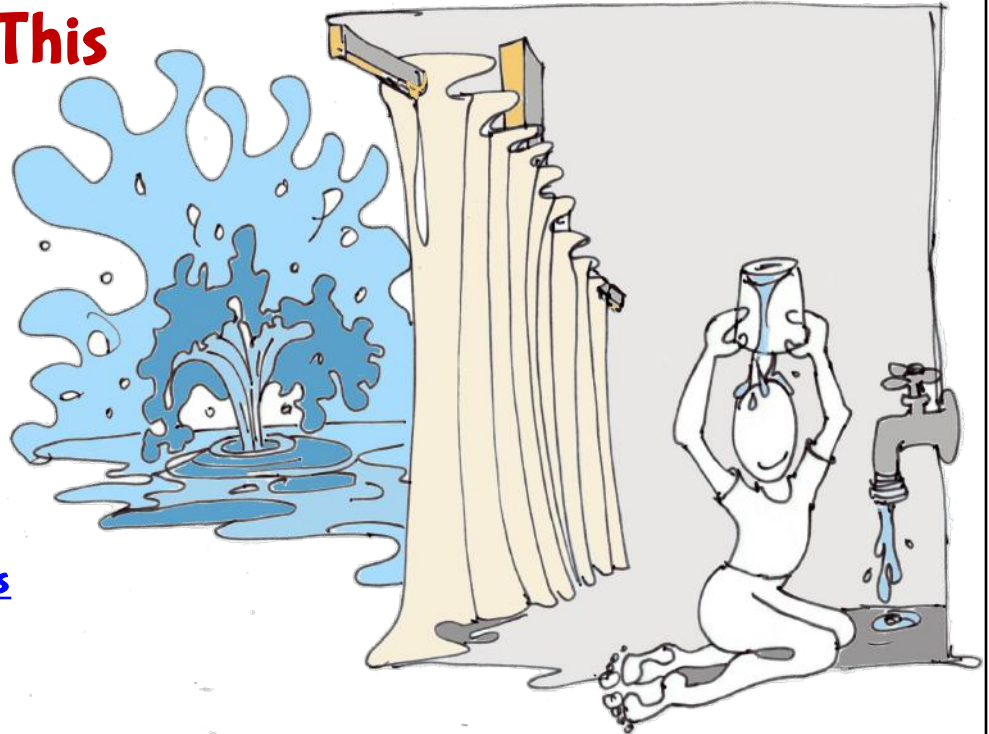
- **“So what?”**
  - Maybe it’s true, but why care?
  - The moon is moving 1.49 inches farther away every year
    - 0.000024 miles, or 0.00000001%
- **“Uh oh!”**
  - It’s true and it’s important, but we’ve missed it!
  - Due date for an assignments
- **Key: paying attention to what matters**
  - What grabs (and holds) our attention shapes our lives
- **What about the resurrection of Jesus Christ??**

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## Remember This

*Luke 24:1–12*

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*The women witnessed the burial...then rested on the Sabbath*  
*Luke 23:50-56*

[When Jesus died] there was a man named Joseph...asked for Jesus' body. Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

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*Luke 24:1-8*

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### What Jesus had said...

“And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”” 9:22

“For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.” 17:24-25

“[The Son of Man] will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.” 18:32-33

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*Luke 24:9-11*

<sup>9</sup> When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But they did not believe the women because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

**They did not believe the women**

**They did not believe other men**

**They struggled to believe Jesus in person!**

**Because they did not remember Jesus' words**

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*Luke 24:12*

Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

**Peter also struggled to make sense of what happened**

**Because He also did not remember Jesus' words**

Yet the resurrection of Jesus Christ

- turned the greatest tragedy into the greatest good
- brought overwhelming joy to the grieving
- gave great courage to the timid
- gave life purpose to the directionless

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## The Big Idea

The resurrection of Jesus Christ  
changes everything  
for everyone who lives by it

Tolstoy's observation: "What meaning can a person's life have which would not be annihilated by the awful inevitability of death?"

The resurrection of Jesus Christ...

- solves our greatest problems: sin and death
- brings hope in the worst tragedy
- brings far greater joy than the best the world can offer

annihilated = completely destroyed

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## To "Remember"

- The criminal on the cross said to Jesus: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." *Luke 23:42*
- "Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." *Hebrews 13:3*
- What does it mean to remember?
  - To know the truth
  - To be gripped by the truth
  - To take the right action because of the truth
- When was the last time we remembered the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

head  
heart  
hands

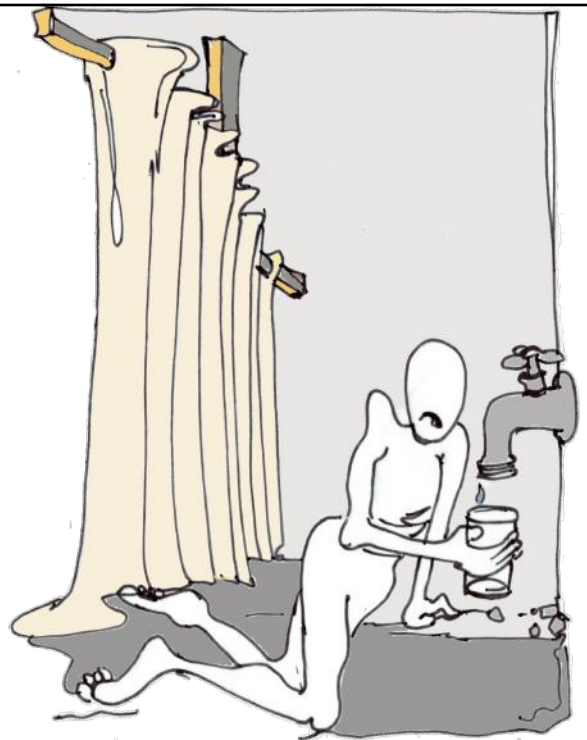
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Sometimes life is a struggle  
 Our souls may be dry  
 Our stomachs may be empty  
 Our bodies may be weak and failing  
 We may be alone  
 We may have broken relationships  
 There is much to worry about!  
 There is much to be angry about!  
 There is such grief and loss



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Sometimes life brings joyful things  
We try (and often do) enjoy them!

Or...

- we worry that we'll lose them
- we try to get more
- we envy people who have more
- we worry about other things



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Compared to  
**the driest**  
human experiences...

and compared to  
**the most abundant**  
human experiences...

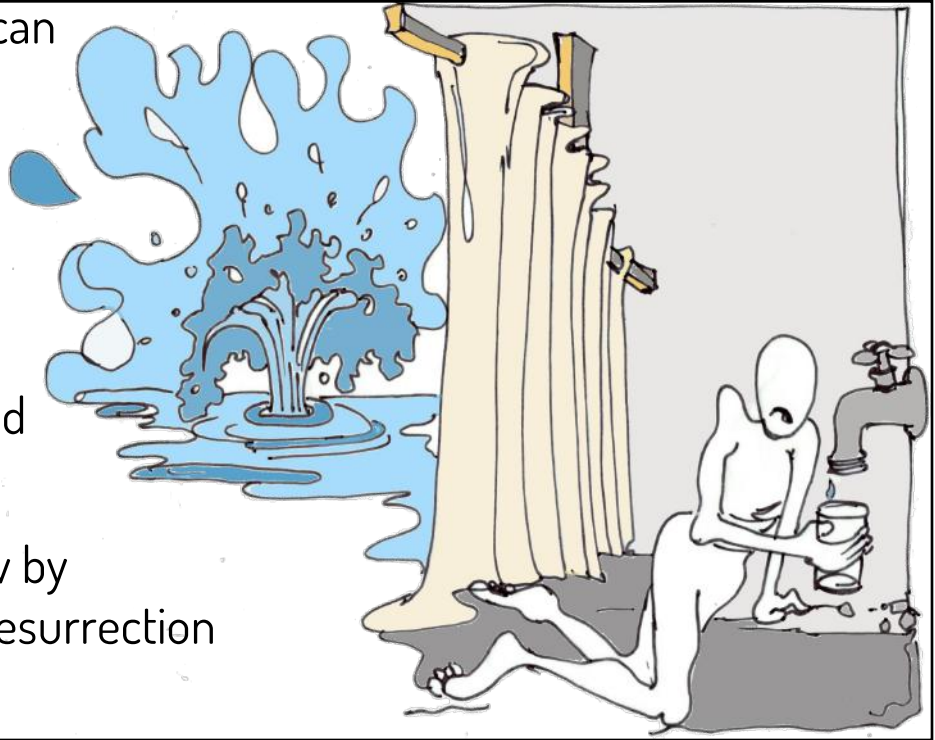
The Resurrection  
of Jesus Christ  
is **an overwhelming fountain  
of life-giving water!**

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In our dryness, we can  
know that there is  
a flood of God's  
powerful love  
waiting for us

And that  
powerful love of God  
is just as real today

Which we can know by  
remembering the resurrection

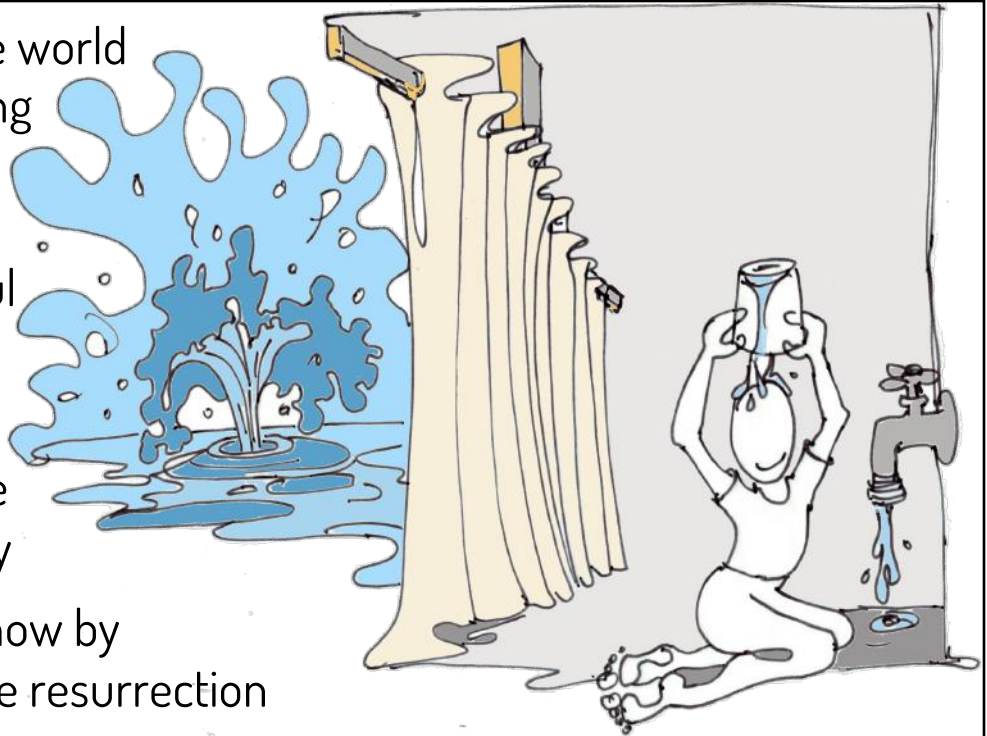


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The best that the world  
can give is nothing  
compared to  
the flood  
of God's powerful  
love that is ours  
in Christ

And we can taste  
its richness today

Which we can know by  
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When we 'remember' the resurrection, we know that...

- all that threatens us is nothing compared to God's powerful love
- loss, suffering, and death are a doorway to the mercy of God
  - They are *\*never\** the final word
  - Those who need God more, know God more,  
when we choose to remember Him and set our hopes in Him
- our greatest hopes, successes, and pleasures in this world are nothing but a morning mist compared to the ocean of His powerful love that is ours in Christ

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## Application

### Remember the resurrection

- Call to **mind**
  - Jesus suffered and died to love us and rescue us
  - Jesus rose to life again, because death could not hold Him down
  - Jesus is preparing a place of overwhelming glory for all who trust in Him by His generous grace
  - Jesus is coming back, to take us to be with Him forever
  - **We must choose to focus our minds on these things**
    - By quieting other things
    - By setting our minds on the resurrection of Jesus Christ
    - “Sabbath” is a great time to do it

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## Application

### Remember the resurrection

- Call to **heart**
  - When the disciples didn't remember the promise of the resurrection, **they were perplexed and afraid**
  - When they remembered Jesus' word, **they were filled with joy!**
  - Other things keep bombarding our hearts...
    - Fears, griefs, regrets, worries
    - Conflicts, troubles, inadequacies, self-judgment
    - Pride, envy, hate, ...
  - **We must choose to focus our hearts on the resurrection**
  - Use music, art, images, stories, ...

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Your buried body began to breathe  
 Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
     fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
 Thine eye diffused a quickenning ray,  
     I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.  
 My chains fell off, my heart was free.  
 I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

**Living Hope**  
**And Can it Be**

**fast bound = securely tied up**  
**sin and nature's night = physical and spiritual despair**  
**diffused = cause to shine**  
**quickenning ray = life-giving light**

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  - **Celebrating Communion**

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## Application

### Remember the resurrection

- Call to **action**
  - By focusing on Christ's flood of love and kindness for us, we choose to be **generous** with love and kindness
  - By focusing on our abundant forgiveness in Christ, we choose to **forgive** those who have hurt us
  - By focusing on our resurrection in Christ, we choose to **endure with hope** the struggles of life
  - By focusing on the One who died and now lives for us, we can **trust** our Savior's goodness through any trouble or storm

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In the last 2 weeks, by not remembering the resurrection...

- I've doubted God's power to work
  - **And God has graciously surprised me!**
- I've worried that He won't answer my prayer
  - **And God has graciously surprised me!**

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What grabs (and holds) our attention shapes our lives

**God is filled with abounding powerful love-in-action  
for all who will remember the resurrection of Jesus Christ**