

These notes are designed to be used by small groups on Zoom, by members of a family or by a couple of friends on the telephone. They are based on our Sunday sermons and are designed to help us all think through the issues raised about “God in my Everything”. You will get the most out of them if you have heard the sermon first.

Sermon Date

Sunday 4 April 2021 EASTER DAY! Alan Hulme

Bible Passages

Gen 1:1&31; Mark 1:1-3,14-15; Rev 21:1-4

Theme & Introduction

What does the Resurrection mean? What is the hope that it gives us?

Questions

1. If you were to walk around Rugby and ask people what they hoped for, what answers do you think you would get?
How does the ‘*hope that is in you*’ (1 Pet 3:15) as a follower of Jesus, compare or contrast with those answers?
2. What convinces you that the bodily resurrection of Jesus happened?
3. Alan’s one-line answer to the question, “*Why does the resurrection of Jesus bring hope?*”, was: “*Because it demonstrates that God, the creator of the world, is beginning the work of New Creation – and through Jesus, you are invited to be a part of it.*”
How would you answer, “*Why does the resurrection of Jesus bring hope?*”.
4. Read Gen 1:1&31; Mark 1:1-3,14-15; Rev 21:1-4.
Alan explained the Bible’s story in the stages of:
 - i. Creation - Heaven & Earth are together. Humans bear God’s image.
 - ii. Fall - Heaven & Earth ripped apart by our bringing Hell (evil) into the world.
 - iii. Redemption - God’s plan to re-unite heaven and earth; heaven invades earth in Jesus; forgiveness and reconciliation with God are made possible.
 - iv. Resurrection - The inauguration of the New Creation.
 - v. New Creation - Heaven & Earth re-united, bodily resurrection of the saints, Hell (evil) banished.

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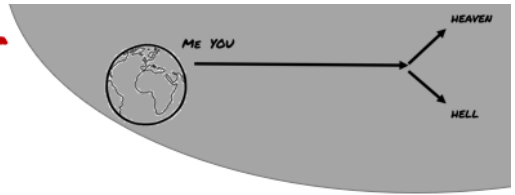
Does anything in that story surprise you? Has the western church’s view of salvation been too individualistic compared with the Bible’s big picture?

How do you imagine your resurrection life?

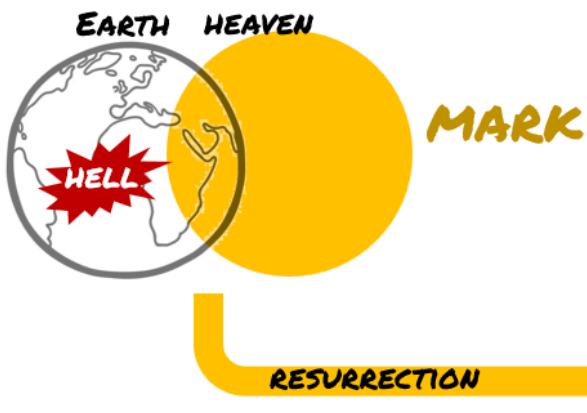
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WHAT THE BIBLE ACTUALLY SAYS



GENESIS



REVELATION

