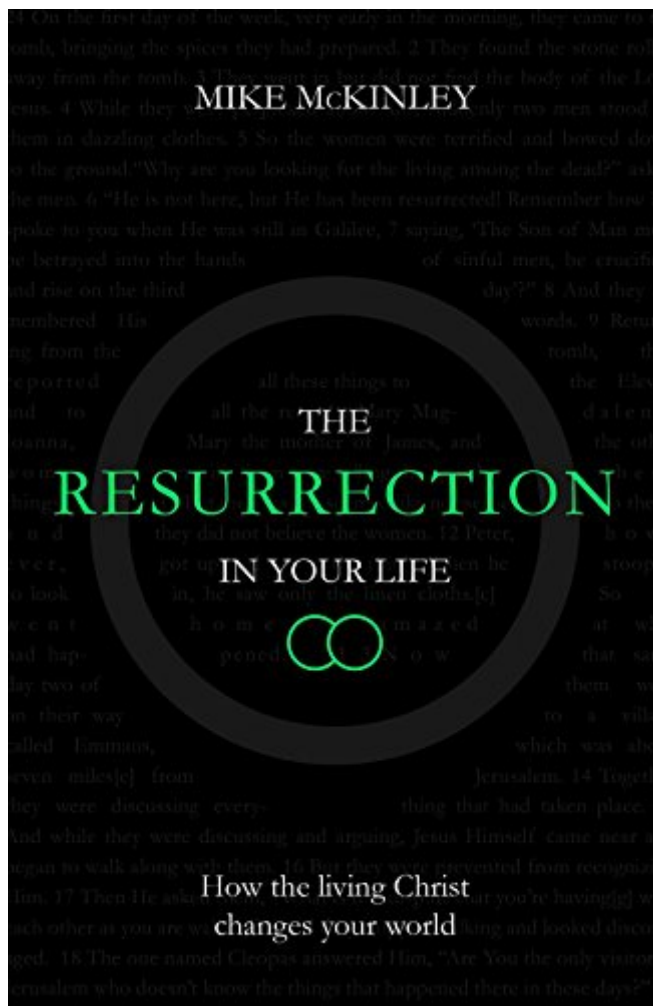


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The Resurrection In Your Life: How The Living Christ Changes Your World



Synopsis

Christians often spend time arguing that Jesus rose, but we forget to appreciate why it actually matters. In the follow-up to his brilliant book on the cross, *Passion*, US pastor and well-known author Mike McKinley considers the revolutionary consequences for each of us of Christ's resurrection, ascension and the sending of his Spirit. Walk through Luke 24 and Acts 1-2 and discover how the reality that Jesus lives can and should change every aspect of our world. Whether you're a new or a mature Christian, let the joy, peace, confidence and purpose of the resurrection flood into your everyday life.

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Customer Reviews

For a richer understanding and appreciation regarding the value of Jesus' resurrection, this book is a must read. McKinley takes the later part of Luke and the first part of Acts creating a value added understanding of the resurrection.

When Jesus hung on the cross and died for our sins, that was not the end of the story. Jesus rose from the dead and that changed everything. Author Mike McKinley presents the case that because Jesus' resurrection was a historical event, *The Resurrection in Your Life* walks through the Easter events to Pentecost in Luke-Acts. In ten short chapters, McKinley walks through ten passages which explore the meaning of Christ's resurrection and ascension and the gift of the Spirit. McKinley is the pastor of Sterling Park Baptist Church in Virginia. This book grew out of a sermon series he did (143). Each chapter includes a passage from Luke or Acts, a written sermon on the passage, reflection questions and hymn lyrics which explore the theme. McKinley's theology is traditional Baptist and Reformed leaning. McKinley is a good communicator and I think I would enjoy listening to these as sermons. He makes judicious conclusions based on his text and relates his theme(s) to life. However, I had hoped that he would be more theological reflective on the meaning of the resurrection and its impact on our life, something similar to Eugene Peterson's *Living the Resurrection* or *Practicing the Resurrection*. Instead these are pithy sermons based on resurrection (and ascension and Pentecost) accounts. Fine as far as they go, but I wished for something a little more focused and a little deeper. I love that McKinley sees the integral place that the resurrection has for our salvation, I just wish he unfolded it a little more. This is a three star book for me, but I don't have any real criticism. I think anyone who reads this book will find points where you are challenged. I underlined several sentences in my copy. I appreciate how passionate McKinley is about how we don't have a dead Jesus but a risen Savior. *Ã¸Â^Â... Ã¸Â^Â... Ã¸Â^Â...* Notice of material connection, I received this book from Cross Focused Reviews and the Good Book Company in exchange for my honest review.

This is a slim paperback that packs a big punch. It's easy to read, with simple yet powerful language. The statistics are relevant to the message, providing a platform that the minister can use in a sermon. The reflection questions at the end of each short chapter provide just enough to provoke meaningful discussion. Verses to popular hymns are even found throughout the book. *The Resurrection In Your Life* makes an excellent go-to preparation guide for the busy minister. Consider gifting this to the youth minister or associate pastor who may need to fill the pulpit in a pinch. I received this book to review. Opinions shared here are 100% mine.

The Resurrection In Your Life: How the Living Christ Changes you World by Mike McKinley This book about the resurrection is work that will show you the importance of the resurrection of Jesus

Christ and work out many practical applications of the historical fact for Christian living. The book substance is a number of edited sermons that are expositions of a passage in Luke and a passage in Acts. This book is not an apologetic for the historicity of the resurrection or a general apologetic for the Christian faith, rather the truth of the resurrection is assumed and the importance of it in the believers life is the point of the book. Understanding that it is more of a devotional book and what not to expect you will enjoy this read in getting an idea of how to answer "Now that I believe in the resurrection why is it important to me."

STRENGTHS One of the best things about this book is that it helps you to think through the importance of the resurrection in your life. What does the resurrection have to do with how I live my life day by day is something this book will help answer. Many times Christians spend a lot of effort on showing that the resurrection of Jesus Christ took place that they forget to dwell on what spiritual significance it has, this work helps remedy that. The book is not a long book and is very readable. This makes this book helpful as an intro level book on the doctrine of the resurrection. Because the book is based on sermons it has a very pastoral tone to it and as you read you can imagine it being preached and it makes it easy to follow along with each point especially since these are faithful expositions of the passages, not technical commentary on the passages. The book also has questions for reflection and a hymn at the end of each chapter which I imagine could be used for private study or also in a group setting. I found this a nice feature of the book. On a side note the book cover is really sleek and I loved the design. I just want to know what the two green circles are representing.

WEAKNESSES I don't know that I can pinpoint exactly why or maybe it is just me but while I thought the book was good and found much of it helpful I didn't feel like it was a great book. I didn't finish this book thinking man I need to pass this one on to a friend and I hope it gets a wide reading. This is not to say it isn't worth picking up because it definitely fills a void of a good intro into the meaning and importance of the resurrection. Another weakness is because of the fact that it is based on sermons where Pastor Mike rightly exposit the text and not just doing a topical study on resurrection some parts of the book may feel disconnected from the theme of resurrection. Also while not a critique of the substance of the book, because of length and sermon style you don't get a systematic study of the doctrine of the resurrection. I would like to see something on what it means that Christ was raised for our justification. Also would love to have seen something on 1 Corinthians 15 but I completely understand why this was not given but none the less the book provides a solid footing in the doctrine.

SUMMARY If you want to better understand what the scriptures teach about the resurrection of Jesus Christ and why it is important to you then this is a great book to pick up. I wish more books would be published dealing with the importance of doctrine versus just the

defense of a certain doctrine. Pastor Mike has done a fine job with this and I imagine those who sat under these sermons were helped mightily. Year: 2015 Publisher: The Good Book Company Boards: Paperback Binding: Glue Pages: 143 Footnotes or Endnotes: NA Indexes: none

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