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"The mystery and the beauty of the world is overwhelmingly amazing, and there's no explanation of how it came about. I think it makes sense to believe in God, but exactly what decision in your life you make differently because of it, I don't know."

Bill Gates, in an interview with Rolling Stone magazine

RESURRECTION – 3 ASPECTS

- 1. A PAST aspect: The resurrection of Jesus from the grave**
- 2. A PRESENT aspect: My resurrection from spiritual death to life**
- 3. A FUTURE aspect: My ultimate resurrection with a new body**

ENGAGE: JESUS' RESURRECTION**a. An actual resurrection**

- ✓ The centurion and soldiers declared Him to be dead
- ✓ The disciples mourned
- ✓ The Pharisees wanted to protect rumors of resurrection
- ✓ The women came expecting to anoint a dead body

b. A bodily resurrection

- ✓ Jesus declared he had flesh and bones
- ✓ The women held him by the feet
- ✓ Jesus ate food in the presence of others
- ✓ The nail prints were visible
- ✓ Jesus invited them to touch his hands and side

c. A unique resurrection

- ✓ Never to die again
- ✓ Recognizable, but only after scrutiny
- ✓ He could pass through closed doors
- ✓ He could disappear instantly

ENGAGE: JESUS' RESURRECTION

argued from cause and effect

- a. The empty tomb**
- b. Sunday celebrations**
- c. The Christian church**
- d. The New Testament**

1. Key Scriptures on the resurrection of Jesus

a. OF FIRST IMPORTANCE

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

b. DECLARATION OF CHRIST'S DEITY

Romans 1:4 [Christ Jesus] was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead.

c. COMPLETED GOD'S TRANSACTION OF SALVATION

Romans 4:25 [Jesus Christ] was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

2. Key Scriptures on my resurrection now

a. ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION

Romans 10:9, 10 If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

b. RAISED UP WITH CHRIST – a new perspective

Colossians 3:1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

c. REIGNING IN LIFE – a new energy

Romans 5:17 For if by the transgression of the one [Adam], death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

d. ALIVE TO GOD – a new purpose

Romans 6:11, 13b Consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your [bodily] members as instruments of righteousness to God.

e. OUR LIVING HOPE – a new hope

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

3. Key Scriptures on my ultimate resurrection *(Patricia: repeat for each slide needed)*

a. BELIEVED FROM ANCIENTS DAYS

Job 19:25-26 AS for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will take His stand on the earth. Even after my skin is destroyed, yet from the flesh I shall see God.

b. CHRIST THE FIRST OF MANY

1 Corinthians 15:20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.

c. CHRIST'S THE PROMISE OF MINE

John 11:25-26 I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies. And everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?

1 Thessalonians 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

John 5:25, 28-29 Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil to a resurrection of judgment.

d. FOR ALL WHO BEHOLD AND BELIEVE JESUS

John 6:40 [Jesus:] For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.

2 Corinthians 4:14 Knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus ...

QUESTIONS WITH WHICH TO ENGAGE

What is the most important event in the history of mankind?

(PAST) 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

QUESTIONS WITH WHICH TO ENGAGE

What is it that most helps you rise above the junk of this world?

(PRESENT) Colossians 3:1

QUESTIONS WITH WHICH TO ENGAGE

What gives you the greatest hope for a bright future?

(FUTURE) John 11:25-26