

What Did They See?

They had been seeing it as the long story of how God would redeem Israel from suffering, but it was instead the story of how God would redeem Israel through suffering, through, in particular, the suffering which would be taken on himself by Israel's representative, the Messiah.

NT Wright

See, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death. 19 They will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked, flogged, and crucified, and on the third day he will be raised.

Matthew 20:18-19

What Did It Mean?

Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.

CS Lewis

And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and
so is your faith.

1 Corinthians 15:14



Love stronger than shame

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. 8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:7-8

Abandoning the language of sin will not make sin go away. Human beings will continue to experience alienation, deformation, damnation, and death no matter what we call them. Abandoning the language will simply leave us speechless before them, and increase our denial of their presence in our lives.

Barbara Brown Taylor

The (Un)Hero Myth

There is no fear in love; instead, perfect love drives out fear.

1 John 4:18







Life stronger than death

Immortality

- Legacy
- Progeny
- Biology

Ultimately, we need a meaning strong enough to make suffering sufferable. This is the crucial test of any life meaning. It has to help us live life. For it to do that, it has to help us cope with suffering.

David Banner

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- Resurrection

The Christian response to mortality for believers at least, is without question the most 'effective' of all responses: it would seem to be the only version of salvation that enables us not only to transcend the fear of death, but also to beat death itself. And by doing so in terms of individual identity, rather than anonymity or abstraction, it seems to be the only version that offers a truly definitive victory of personal immortality over our condition as mortals...It is this new definition of love, found at the heart of the new doctrine of salvation, which finally turns out to be stronger than death.

Luc Ferry

I have come that they may have life, and life to the full.

John 10:10

The resurrection means the worst thing is never the last thing about the world. It's the next to the last thing. The last thing is the best.

Frederich Buechner

Restoration stronger than ruin

Limiting the resurrection either to the past or to the future makes the present risenness of Jesus largely irrelevant, safeguards us from interference with the ordinary rounds and daily routine of our lives, and preempts communion now with Jesus as a living person. In other words, the Resurrection needs to be experienced as present risenness.

Brennan Manning

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

Philippians 3:10

