

**Transforming Daily**  
**“... *He is risen* ...”**  
*Matthew 28:6*

After all of the time that Jesus spent with the early disciples, and after all of the ministry experiences and eye-witnessed miracles, His disciples still didn't get the picture concerning His death, burial, and resurrection. For some reason the early disciples just couldn't comprehend that Jesus had to die and be raised from the grave in order to offer the sinner eternal life.

It wasn't that the disciples hadn't seen the dead raised to life. Children were raised from the dead, adults were raised from the dead, Lazarus was raised from the dead. All of these were raised from the dead in the very presence of the early disciples. The extraordinary work of God was no strange sight for the early disciples, but for the Son of God to die . . .? They just couldn't get their heads around that.

For them, and for most of us, death is final. It's the end of the line, the last stop, the big sleep, pushin' up daisies, dirt nap, the final goodbye, etc., you get the picture. And it would be the picture if it wasn't for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have an advantage that the early disciples did not have. We have their lives to observe and evaluate through the Scriptures. We have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (that came at Pentecost). We have the fulfillment of certain prophecies since the time of the early disciples. Yet, there are still some today who do not accept the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

How should Christ's resurrection affect us? It's revolutionary. No, not necessarily politically speaking, but definitely spiritually speaking. However, there should be, and in many ways, is tangible evidence and physical manifestation of the revolutionary effect of Christ's resurrection. Why? His resurrection should change the way we think, change the way we believe and change the way we live. After all, sow a thought, reap an attitude, sow an attitude, reap an action.

How does the resurrection of Christ affect you? Do you think it was a hoax? Do you believe that God raised Him from the dead? Do your lifestyle and personal choices reflect the hope that lies within you because of Christ's resurrection? Ultimately, for the believer in Christ, he or she will be raised because He is risen.