

Raised to Life

Part 3 of the *Raised to Life* series

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For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-17

There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country, and squandered his wealth in wild living.

Luke 15:11-13

One son doubts his father while the other Son trusts his Father.

One son goes on a journey to "find his life" while the other Son goes on a journey to lay down his life.

After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

Luke 15:14-16

One son dies because of his sin while the other Son dies because of our sin.

He came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father..."

Luke 15:17-18

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

Luke 15:20-24

The resurrection is more than an event, it's a person.

One son is raised to life through his father's love while the other son is raised to life through his Father's power.

Scripture: John 3:16-17, Isaiah 53:6, John 14:31, Matthew 27:57-60, 28:1-6, John 11:25, Romans 6:4-5

Next Steps

If you made a decision today to put your faith & trust in Jesus, fill out a connection card and check the box stating you made a decision.

Take some time to answer the following questions with your spouse, children, or small group...

- How did you spend your Easter?
- Read through the story of the prodigal son found in Luke 15:11-31. Which of the three main characters (father, younger brother, older brother) do you relate to the most? Explain.
- What are some ways that Jesus has touched your life and made what was dead come to life?
- How can we pray for you?