

## Chapter 8 – The Saving Death and Resurrection of Christ

Jesus saved us from sin and its effects.

Jesus freely gave His life as a sacrifice, which was an act of atonement. His sacrifice merits salvation for us because it retains forever the power to draw us to Him and to the Father.

The Paschal Mystery is about Christ's death/Resurrection as one inseparable event.

The Resurrection narratives in all four Gospels maintain a similar structure. Jesus is first met by Mary Magdalene. Next come the other appearances. Finally, the disciples are commissioned to bring the Gospel to the world.

The Resurrection actually took place; there were witnesses to its impact. None of the witnesses to Jesus' Resurrection expected it.

The Holy Spirit gave life to Jesus' dead humanity and called it to the glorious state of Lordship. By raising Him from the dead, the Father has placed His seal upon the work accomplished by His Son through His passion and death.

If Jesus had not risen, our faith would mean nothing.

The Resurrection makes credible everything that Jesus did and taught.

### **Reflection:**

- Why are the Cross and Resurrection bound together in the Paschal Mystery?
- Why is the Resurrection so central to our faith?
- How would you help people come to faith in the Resurrection?