

Easter: The Power of Resurrection

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Today's Passages: Colossians 2:15, Ephesians 4:8, 3:20-21, 1:19-20

Jesus disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. Colossians 2:15 ESV

"Disarmed" is *apekdyomai*, to take away one's _____ and strip them down.

"Rulers and authorities" are talking about _____ forces of evil and darkness, like in Ephesians 6:12, where Paul uses the same words.

So this is a clash of spiritual powers on the cross and in the resurrection. How did Jesus do?

He "put them to open shame, by triumphing over them." Col 2:15

"Triumphed over" = "*thriambeuo*"

This word was used to describe Roman Generals, battle heroes and conquerors who would _____ conquered enemies on a public mainstreet as a sign of victory and subjugation and humiliation of the enemy, demonstrating one's successful conquest of the opposition.

Jesus stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the Cross and marched them naked through the streets.

Colossians 2:15 (The Message)

By faith we partake in the victory of Christ.

His victory becomes our victory.

So, Jesus kicked Satan's behind and dragged him through the streets and says to us: "do you want the spoils of war? I have them. And I want to give them to you." Paul makes this more explicitly clear in Ephesians 4:8, same exact picture as Colossians 2:15, except he adds a piece.

"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to humanity."
Ephesians 4:8

Jesus the victorious warrior, dragging the defeated powers of darkness behind him, and giving the spoils of war to humanity. He _____ hell to take back what the enemy had stolen.

The power of the Resurrection is a call to push the limits of what we know to be _____.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
Ephesians 3:20-21

As we walk with God through life, this power is supposed to be at work in us in such a way that makes us look back and say: "that isn't possible without God."

So what power is at work in us?

So Paul prays they would experience immeasurably great power, **according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places.**
Ephesians 1:19-20

In other words, the power that was at work in Christ to raise him from the dead and seat him in victory in heaven, is the same power at work in you and me. The Resurrected King, is resurrecting _____.

Responding to God...

What do you think God is saying to you today?

What are you going to do about it?

Answers: weapons, spiritual, parade, pillaged, possible, you