INTRO. 2nd wk in our Series RISEN LORD... In-depth study of 40 dys Jesus...

PPT Timeline. Here's a reasonable reconstruction of the timeline...

We looked at how Jesus' resurrection... overcomes our <u>darkness</u>, leads us through our <u>doubts</u>... and today—> reveals our future <u>destiny</u>!

Jesus resurrection is both what he has done for us & what we will become!

Philippians 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will <u>transform</u> our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Transform... Like his... Jesus is the model and means to our resurrection.

FOCUS. What does this moment reveal about what we will be like and how we will become like him?

JESUS AS THE MODEL... What will our resurrected state be like? 37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38 He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.

4 WAYS Jesus is a model/ foretaste of what we will become.

Physical. v39 Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones...

Jesus has flesh and bones... He has a physical body... he can eat fish!

Here's the point: We will live forever in a physical body in a physical world.

Jesus is not a ghost or disembodied spirit... neither will we...

NT wright Calls this "A new mode of physicality"... Paul "a glorious body"

Because we have a physical body we will live in a physical reality.

The new Heavens and the NEW EARTH. Rev 21:1 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...

2. Spiritual. Vs36 Jesus Stood among them... He appears/ disappears. This body has a new relationship with the laws of physics...

The restored relationship between our spiritual and physical reality is reconciled and renewed.

No longer subject to sickness, sin, death, —> new relationship to creation.

Revelation 21:4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

This Spiritual body is what Paul means in 1 Cor 15:42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised <u>imperishable</u>; 43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

This transformation has already begun... this new creation begins when we place our faith in Jesus, receive forgiveness of sin & filled w/ the Spirit.

3. Continuous. V39 "It is I myself!"

We will go through a radical transformation but we remain our core self.

Jesus still knows the disciples... though they struggle to recognize him.

There is continuity from this life to the next... we retain our consciousness.

We will know one another... remember one another... (Dementia/ Alzheimer)

What we do here carries over... physically & spiritually & relationally.

But we're healed, renewed, restored, set free from the damage of sin.

ILLUS. Consider how even now our bodies completely recycle every 7 yrs!!

So in the same way there's an initial lack of recog at a reunion... its them!

4. Relational. V36 Peace be with you.

And there will be perfect peace in our relationships...

We will be in conscious relationship with God and one another.

We will communicate, learn, enjoy, delight in ea/ other... and God! JESUS IS MEANS... Jesus' resurrection is the way/ door/ gate/ truth into this DESTINY.

I want to speak to <u>believers first</u> and then those are <u>not yet believers</u>.

44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.

Point: God fulfills his promises. He finishes what he starts.

Jesus' resurrection speaks hope into our lives.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief.

Hope strengthens our patience!

ILLUS. Engagement with Stacy. What... Wait!? I have the ring!

For those who not yet believers, Jesus resurrection speaks SALVATION.

Jesus is clear... vs46 The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations...

Through Jesus there is forgiveness of sins... it's the only way to be set free.

We all want our lives and world to be free of evil, darkness, and death.

But what about the darkness in ea/ of us? It's not just out there... its in here!

Jesus is saying that if we refuse to surrender our darkness we will die in it.

John 5:28 "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice 29 and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.