

The Power Of His Resurrection

John 20 & Acts 2

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1. Can Convince The Skeptical

(John 20:1-10,24-29)

Who are the "doubting Thomas's" today? Atheists, Secularists, Humanists, Evolutionists, Communists. They can all be saved when put in touch with the Gospel! (Romans 1:16)

2. Can Comfort The Sorrowful

(John 20:11-18)

The One Who cried at the tomb of Lazarus now exhorts Mary not to weep! His resurrection gives peace, hope, & comfort. (Along with the resurrection- we also draw comfort from the Word, the Spirit, the rapture, the prospect of heaven & one another!)

3. Can Compel The Slothful

(John 20:19-21; chapter 21)

The love of Christ should constrain us(II Cor. 5:14), and the resurrection of Christ should compel us to reach the lost. These 11 apostles- and later Paul- were never slothful again!!

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4. Can Convert The Sinful

(John 20:30 & 31) *The Gospel of John illustrates this great truth!! Romans*

1:16 tells us how powerful the Gospel is- and Hebrews 7:25 tells us that because He ever lives, He is able to save to the uttermost!!

5. Can Convict The Scornful

(Acts 2:22-41, esp. V. 37)

Many of the same people who stood on the hill of Calvary jeering, cursing & mocking Christ- are now standing in front of Peter as he speaks to them in the power of the Spirit! He preaches about their sin in crucifying the Son of God (vs. 23 & 36)- and of Christ's resurrection (vs. 24-32)- and of His

exaltation in heaven. (Closing passage- Acts 17:22-32) * Again His resurrection had the power to convince the skeptical, convert the sinful and convict the scornful!