



ALL THINGS NEW

THE NEW CREATION DAWNING

JOHN 20:1-18; GENESIS 2:7; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17; REVELATION 21:1-5

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The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

Genesis 2:7

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Though I was dead, Jesus raised me to life...
...by the power of his resurrection.

(John 20:1-18)

If Christ has not been raised, then our
preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:14

The cross of Christ only triumphs in the breast of believers over the devil and the flesh, sin and sinners, when their eyes are directed to the power of his resurrection.

John Calvin

The world is about to be turned upside down. New creation is about to break into the midst of this old creation, and nothing will ever be the same.

*Andreas Köstenberger,
The Final Days of Jesus*

Why would the apostles lie? Liars always lie for selfish reasons. If they lied, what was their motive, what did they get out of it?

What they got out of it was misunderstanding, rejection, persecution, torture, and martyrdom. Hardly a list of perks!

*Peter Kreeft,
Handbook of Christian Apologetics*

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For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Romans 6:5

The best news of the Christian gospel is that the supremely glorious Creator of the universe has acted in Jesus Christ's death and resurrection...

...to remove every obstacle between us and himself so that we may find everlasting joy in seeing and savoring his infinite beauty.

John Piper, God is in the Gospel.

Though I was dead, Jesus raised me to life...
...renewing what had been lost.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:10–11

For by a single offering he has perfected for
all time those who are being sanctified.

Hebrews 10:14

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(Revelation 21:1–5)

Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak.

We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea.

We are far too easily pleased.

C. S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory

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