

## **SO WHAT?**

“So What?” Sometimes the question is an “in your face” challenge, as in, “I don’t care about the point you just made!” Sometimes, “So what?” Is an honest question asking someone to explain why the point they made has any relevance or importance to daily life. Occasionally, “So what” is simply an expression to myself that I have chosen to ignore some fact or idea as unimportant to my life or daily situation.

It is rather astounding that the single most important event in human history, the resurrection of Jesus is addressed by some with a dismissive, “So what?” As Christians we have this directive from God, “**...always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence...**” I Peter 3:15.

With care and compassion each of us should be ready to explain what the resurrection means for time and eternity. Paul reminds us that death is the enemy, but the resurrection of Jesus proves beyond a doubt that He conquered death. He overcame the grave and He promised us the same glorious resurrection from our own personal, literal death. The fifteenth chapter of I Corinthians is, perhaps, the most precious passage we have about both Jesus’ resurrection and our own.

When asked about our faith, we must always center our answers on Jesus, His resurrection and the reality of eternity. The resurrection proves Jesus is who He said He was before the resurrection. Therefore, as the Son of God, He has the authority and power, to promise and deliver His plan to resurrect His followers and deliver us to heaven forever. (Those who reject Jesus will also be resurrected, but will be delivered to a devil’s hell – also forever.)

“So what?” Heaven, wonderment, eternal peace, and unspeakable joy, that’s what. Jesus loves you, He died for you, He was resurrected to prove who He is and ascended to be with the Father and plans the same for you, that’s what. And life on earth, even before we die, is also a blessed experience with far more joy and satisfaction than we ever imagined before we chose to follow Jesus.

Be ready to tell everyone, yet with gentleness and reverence.

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