

Contrast → Christians do not worship a dead Christ but a living Lord. He is not dead but risen. He died and was buried, but He came forth from the tomb, *assurance* the firstfruits of them that slept. Even as He was raised we also shall be raised, if we believe on His name. The proof of our resurrection is the fact that Jesus Christ Himself was raised from the dead.

Longing Every time we see a loved one laid away in the grave we long to know whether we shall ever see him again. Is there a power that can raise a dead body to life? *Positive evidence* The Bible tells us that such a power exists. It raised the Lord Jesus. The time is coming when everyone who believes on Him will be raised to share His glory with Him.

Contrast Acknowledgment *Cost abiding gratitude* *authority* *authority*
 Can you live a life that God can bless? You need power. In your own strength you are bound to fall. Other founders of religions have teachings. Jesus has power. His teachings are the finest ever given, but without power to keep them they would lead to despair. He alone has lived a perfect life. He paid the penalty for sin for every one who accepts Him as Lord. It is a free gift of His grace. It cost Him the terrible suffering of the Cross, but it is ours for nothing, if we are His.

rising NB The power of the atom bomb which can destroy a whole city with one explosion is nothing to the power that can raise up a dead body to life. This is the power which Jesus Christ has; the power of His resurrection. He is ready to make this power active in our lives. He wants us to look to Him for salvation from our sins; to cast our sins upon Him and know that He died in our stead on Calvary's tree. Then He wants us to avail ourselves of His resurrection power and have victory in our lives as we live for Him.

Very deliberate
 (Concluding prayer→)

Blessed Lord Jesus, Thine is the power and the glory, for ever. Help us to know the power of Thy resurrection. Give us victory in our lives, through thy grace, and raise us up at the end of the age to share Thy glory. As the words of this message go out over the air, may Thy power go with them. Bless those who hear, and if they have never known Thee as Saviour, help them today