



A Theological, Historical, and Spiritual Analysis of Divine Fidelity in the Resurrection

Introduction: When God Writes History with Exclamation Marks

The Easter proclamation “*Resurrexit sicut dixit*” (“He rose as He said”) encapsulates the heart of the Christian faith: **God does not disappoint**. This article explores:

1. **Prophetic fulfillment** (What did Jesus promise, and how was it accomplished?)
 2. **Theological impact** (Why does this redefine our relationship with God?)
 3. **Existential application** (How to live today trusting in His promises?)
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I. “Sicut Dixit”: The Promises Preceding the Resurrection

A. Old Testament Prophecies

- **Psalm 16:10**: “*You will not abandon my soul to the grave.*”
- **Jonah 1:17**: The “sign of Jonah” (3 days in the fish) applied by Jesus to Himself (Mt 12:40).

B. Jesus’ Own Words

1. **Explicit announcements**:
 - “*Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up*” (Jn 2:19).
 - Three predictions of His passion and resurrection (Mk 8:31; 9:31; 10:34).
2. **Implicit promises**:
 - “*I am the Resurrection and the Life*” (Jn 11:25).

Historical note: The disciples initially misunderstood these words (Lk 18:34). Only later did they “remember” (Jn 2:22).

II. “Resurrexit”: The Event That Changed the Universe



A. Evidence of the Resurrection

- **The empty tomb:** An inconvenient fact for the authorities (Mt 28:11-15).
- **Appearances:** To Mary Magdalene (Jn 20:16), the Emmaus disciples (Lk 24:13-35), Thomas (Jn 20:27).
- **Apostles' transformation:** From cowards to martyrs.

B. Theology of Divine Fidelity

- **God is no “debtor”:** If He promises, He delivers (Heb 10:23).
- **Christian paradox:** The Cross, an apparent defeat, is revealed as victory.

Key quote: “All God’s promises find their ‘Yes’ in Christ” (2 Cor 1:20).

III. “Today”: Living in the Certainty That God Delivers

A. Countering the Culture of “Fake Promises”

In a world of:

- **Politicians who break pledges,**
 - **Deceptive advertising,**
 - **Liquid relationships,**
- the Resurrection is **an antidote to cynicism.**

B. Practical Guide to Trusting Promises

1. **Memoria fidei:** Recall God’s “*sicut dixit*” in your life (e.g., answered prayers).
2. **Active patience:** Like Abraham awaiting Isaac (Rom 4:18-21).
3. **Bold action:** Peter walking on water (Mt 14:29).

Modern example: A mother praying 30 years for her son’s conversion.

C. When Fulfillment Is Delayed

- **Job’s lesson:** “*Though He slay me, yet will I hope in Him*” (Job 13:15).
- **Key:** Distinguish between “no” and “not yet.”



Conclusion: Are You a Witness of “Resurrexit” in Your Story?

The Resurrection is not a consoling myth but **the pattern of God’s work**:

1. **He promises** (in the Incarnation),
2. **Seems to fail** (on Calvary),
3. **Over-delivers** (at Easter).

Final prayer:

“Lord, teach me to hear Your ‘dixit,’ to await the ‘Resurrexit’ in silence, and to live as a witness that You are faithful. Amen.”

Bonus:

- **Recommended film:** *Risen* (2016) – The Resurrection from a Roman soldier’s perspective.
- **Book:** *Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week* by Benedict XVI (chapter on the Resurrection).