The Resurrection

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I. Introduction.
A. The resurrection is one of God's great miracles.
B. Text: Matthew 28:1.
I. The resurrection is encouraging to us today.
A. It validated all that Jesus said about heaven, judgment, redemption and behavior. Our sins have been forgiven. (I Corinthians 15:4)
B. Death has been conquered through the resurrection. The believer has no reason to fear death any longer. (I Corinthians 15:20)
C. Our own physical resurrection is guaranteed through Christ's resurrection. (I Corinthians 15:35, Philippians 3:20, I John 3, Revelation 1)
D. Resurrection tells us that heaven is our home. (I Thessalonians 4:13)
II. Reason for the resurrection. (Philippians 3, Ephesians 1, Ephesians 3:20-21)
A. The same work that raised Christ from the dead is the same power that the believer has.
B. The believer is filled with the supernatural power of the living God.
C. The believer is a new creation.
Application questions:
1. Why was resurrection an important event with regard to what Jesus taught while on earth?
2. How would you respond to someone who said that when a Christian dies he will be liberated from the body and will live eternally as a spirit? Defend your answer.
3. How does resurrection encourage a believer for living in this life practically? Explain.