

## Have You Seen Him?

Theme: Not now, but wait till we're resurrected!

1 John 3:1-3

### Introduction:

- A. **Most of the religious world professing Christianity will specially celebrate our risen Christ next Sunday.**
  - 1. We will do it as well!
  - 2. Then again, we commemorate his death and his resurrection each Lord's day.
  - 3. While we do such each week, it should never become old nor taken for granted.
- B. **While remembering our Savior's resurrection, it is good to remember our own.**
  - 1. After all, our Savior's resurrection is God's way of giving us hope for our own.
  - 2. The reward of our resurrection is to finally be face to face with our eternal Creator/heavenly Father.

### Discussion:

- I. The Resurrection Gives Us Great Hope
  - A. **Jesus' resurrection: the greatest event in history.**
    - 1. It's greater than the beginning of creation. **Gen. 1:31**
    - 2. It's greater than The Word of God taking on flesh. **Jn. 1:14-16**
    - 3. It is God's greatest manifestation of His love, promise and assurance to mankind. **1 Pet. 1:3**
  - B. **Through Christ we also have a hope of resurrection to eternal life.**
    - 1. Everything He promised to His people of old (Israelites) came true.
    - 2. Ultimately, God promised His Son as our sin-sacrifice and delivered on it. **Jn. 3:16**
    - 3. We have every reason to believe we shall be raised up to Him eternally as well. **Rom. 8:11**
- II. Our Reward: Face to Face With God
  - A. **No one has ever seen our God. Exo. 33:20; 1 Tim. 6:15-16**
  - B. **Now: we can only see Him by faith:**
    - 1. Through His Creation. **Acts 17:24**
    - 2. Through His word (the Bible). **Heb. 1:1**
    - 3. Through *The Word that became flesh*. **Heb. 1:1-2; Jn. 1:1**

### Conclusion:

- A. **Do You Want to See Him?**
  - 1. If we want to see our God face to face we have only one option: die to self and be raised up in the name of Christ. **Rom. 6:3ff**
  - 2. Then, on that special day we shall see Him face to face.