

## At+One: Resurrection

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1. Open with prayer: *God who opens tombs, open our eyes, hearts, and minds to hear how salvation came down to earth in your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.*
2. Refresh: What is atonement? At-one-ment
3. When did atonement occur?
  - a. Incarnation
  - b. Life & Ministry
  - c. Crucifixion & Death
  - d. **Resurrection**
4. **Powers That Be**
  - a. Read 1 Peter 3:21-22; Ephesians 6:11-12, Romans 8:38-39; Eph 2:1-3. What are these powers and principalities? Are they the same today? What do you think about Walter Wink's phrases: "the domination system" and "myth of redemptive violence?"
5. **Ransom Captive theory**
  - a. Christ pays the ransom to the devil to free humanity from imprisonment.
  - b. "Christ has set us free!"
  - c. We are saved because Jesus has liberated us from the captivity of sin.
  - d. Read Mark 10:35-45; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; John 8:31-36; Hebrews 2:14-15. Who did the ransom get paid to? How much do you think you're worth?
6. **Christus Victor atonement theory**
  - a. Christ conquers death/sin/Satan/evil by dying and then victoriously rising from the dead.
  - b. "God has won the battle already!"
  - c. We are saved because Jesus conquered death once and for all
  - d. Read Romans 5:17-18; Colossians 2:15; 1 Corinthians 15:55-57. What does a victorious Christ look like in your life? Does the military imagery resonate with you?
7. **Gift of Love theory**
  - a. In Christ, God absorbs our violence, refusing to pass it on.
  - b. "God forgives and loves us unconditionally!"
  - c. We are saved when our minds are changed, and we can see the image of God in Christ.
  - d. Read John 3:16-17; Ephesians 4:31-32; 1 John 4:7-11. Does this change your perception of what love is? What a gift is?
8. Westminster Confession
9. Hymns teach theology:
  - a. Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
  - b. Jesus Messiah
  - c. How Deep the Father's Love For Us
  - d. O Come O Come Emmanuel
  - e. When Israel was in Egypt's Land
10. Close in prayer.