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have been buried. So, the first part of the good news is that the Messiah Jesus died for us. What's the second part?

The Resurrection of Jesus

The second aspect of the good news, found in 1 Corinthians 15:4-8, is that the Messiah Jesus was raised from the dead ("He was raised on the third day," 1 Cor. 15:4). This crucial element is frequently overlooked when explaining the good news by preachers, theologians, even evangelists. Too often, they mistakenly assume that everyone knows that Jesus not only died, but was raised from the dead as well. I would remind us that, in our current culture, we can't assume that all our listeners know or agree that Jesus was resurrected from the dead and is now alive.

One reason the resurrection is so important is that it validated Jesus' deity; it proved He is really God. You see, anyone can claim to be God but how do we know that Jesus, who claimed to be God in the flesh, really *was* God? The proof is found in the resurrection. God the Father validated Jesus' claim by raising Him from the dead. That's why Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." The word "Lord" here is a reference to Jesus being Lord God, not the master of our lives. Additionally, this verse links His deity to His resurrection from the dead. The Lord Jesus claimed to be deity and the Father confirmed that He is, by raising Him from the dead.

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