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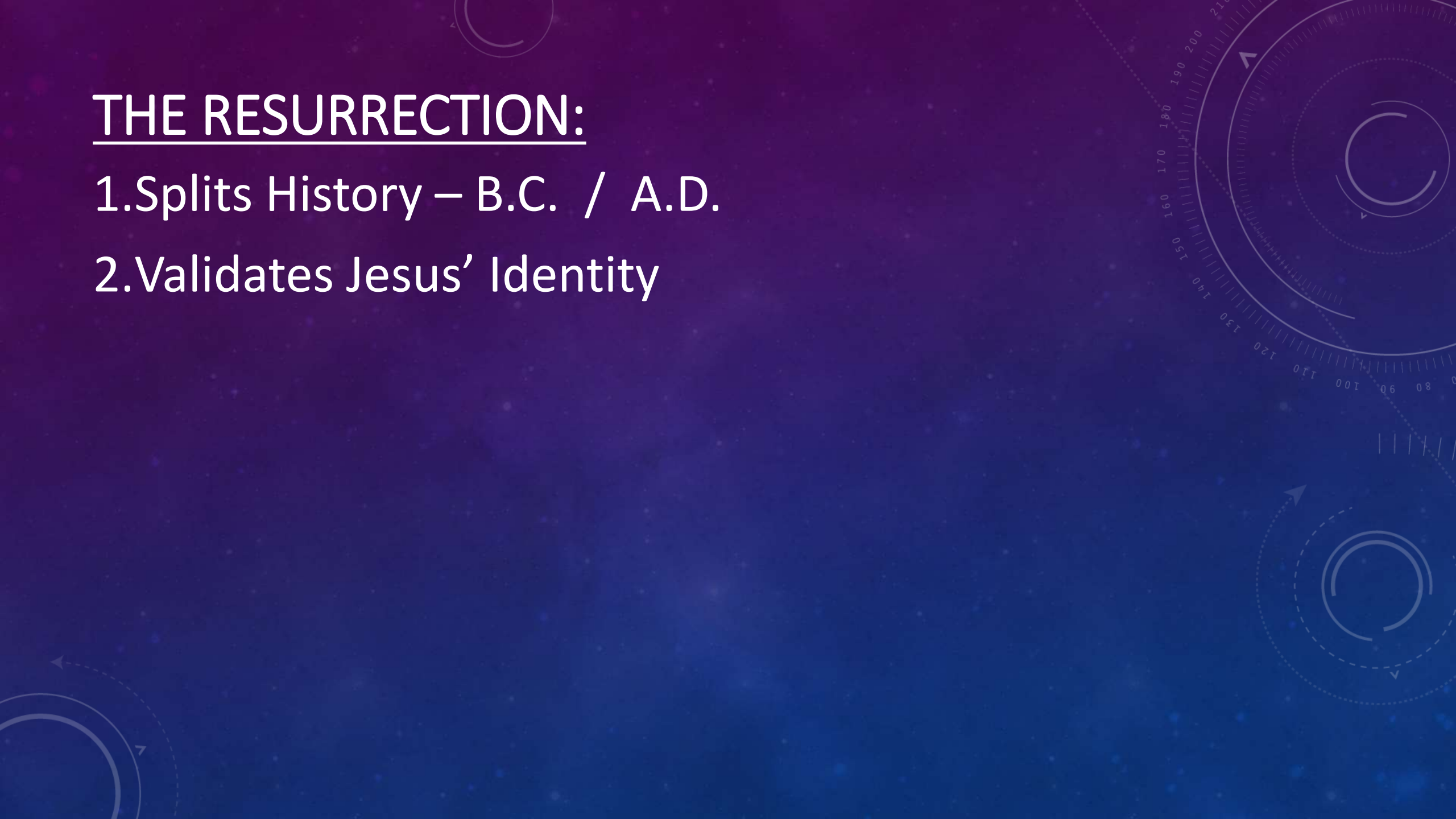
THE RESURRECTION: WHAT DOES IT MATTER?

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 21, 2019

THE RESURRECTION:

1. Splits History – B.C. / A.D.

2. Validates Jesus' Identity



ACTS 13:32-37 (NLT)

³² “And now we are here to bring you this Good News.

The promise was made to our ancestors,

³³ and God has now fulfilled it for us, their descendants, by raising Jesus. This is what the second psalm says about Jesus: ‘You are my Son. Today I have become your Father.’

³⁴ For God had promised to raise him from the dead, not leaving him to rot in the grave. He said, ‘I will give you the sacred blessings I promised to David.’

ACTS 13:32-37 (NLT)

³⁵ Another psalm explains it more fully: ‘You will not allow your Holy One to rot in the grave.’

³⁶ This is not a reference to David, for after David had done the will of God in his own generation, he died and was buried with his ancestors, and his body decayed.

³⁷ No, it was a reference to someone else—someone whom God raised and whose body did not decay.

LUKE 7:20-23 (NLT)

²⁰ John's two disciples found Jesus and said to him, "John the Baptist sent us to ask, 'Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?'"

²¹ At that very time, Jesus cured many people of their diseases and illnesses, and he cast out evil spirits and restored sight to many who were blind.

LUKE 7:20-23 (NLT)

²² Then he told John's disciples, "Go back to John and tell him what you have seen and heard—the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor.

²³ And tell him, 'God blesses those who do not turn away because of me.'"

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1 CORINTHIANS 6:14 (NLT)

¹⁴ And God will raise us from the dead by his power, just as he raised our Lord from the dead.

HEBREWS 2:14-15 (NASB77)

¹⁴ Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil;

¹⁵ and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

2 TIMOTHY 1:10B (NASB77)

¹⁰ ... who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel

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ACTS 17:30-32 (NLT)

³⁰ “God overlooked people’s ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him.

³¹ For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead.”

³² When they heard Paul speak about the resurrection of the dead, some laughed in contempt, but others said, “We want to hear more about this later.”

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EPHESIANS 1:19-20 (NLT)

¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power

²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.