

# 2 Timothy 2:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

## Analysis

**Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel.** Paul grounds his exhortations in gospel core truth. The command "Remember" (mnēmoneue, μνημόνευε) means continually call to mind, keep before consciousness. Gospel truth must constantly shape thinking, not remain abstract theology. Paul specifies two crucial facts about **Jesus Christ**: His humanity ("of the seed of David") and His resurrection ("raised from the dead").

"Of the seed of David" (ek spermatos Dauid, ἐκ σπέρματος Δαυίδ) affirms Jesus's genuine humanity and Messianic identity. The Davidic covenant promised an eternal King from David's line (2 Samuel 7:12-16), fulfilled in Jesus. This counters proto-Gnostic denials of Jesus's real humanity and establishes His legitimacy as Israel's Messiah. "Raised from the dead" (egēgermenon ek nekron, ἐγχεγερμένον ἐκ νεκρῶν) uses perfect passive participle—Christ has been raised and remains in resurrection life.

Paul calls this "my gospel" (to euangelion mou, τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου)—not that he invented it, but that he personally received it by revelation (Galatians 1:11-12) and faithfully proclaimed it. His imprisonment resulted from preaching this gospel. Remembering Christ's resurrection emboldens suffering—if Christ conquered death, present afflictions lose terror.

## Historical Context

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The resurrection was Christianity's most distinctive and controversial claim. Jewish Sadducees denied resurrection entirely. Greeks considered bodily resurrection absurd—they prized soul over body, viewing physical existence as inferior prison. Paul's preaching at Athens provoked mockery when he mentioned resurrection (Acts 17:32). Yet resurrection was non-negotiable gospel core (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Early Christians faced intense pressure to compromise this "offensive" doctrine.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How regularly do you meditate on Christ's resurrection as present reality, not merely past historical event?
2. How does remembering that Jesus was truly human ('seed of David') help you relate to Him in your sufferings and temptations?
3. In what practical ways does believing Christ conquered death change your response to fears about persecution, suffering, or martyrdom?

## Interlinear Text

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Μνημόνευε	Ἰησοῦν	Χριστὸν	ἐγῆγερμένον	ἐκ	νεκρῶν	ἐκ
<b>Remember</b>	<b>that Jesus</b>	<b>Christ</b>	<b>was raised</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>the dead</b>	<b>from</b>
G3421	G2424	G5547	G1453	G1537	G3498	G1537
σπέρματος	Δαβίδ,	κατὰ	τὸ	εὐαγγέλιόν	μου	
<b>the seed</b>	<b>of David</b>	<b>according to</b>	<b>gospel</b>	<b>my</b>		
G4690	G1138	G2596	G3588	G2098	G3450	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 2:24** (Resurrection): Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

**Romans 2:16** (References Jesus): In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

**Matthew 1:1** (References Jesus): The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

**2 Thessalonians 2:14** (References Jesus): Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Corinthians 15:4** (Parallel theme): And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

**1 Timothy 2:7** (References Christ): Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

**Revelation 5:5** (References David): And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.