

# Resurrection Day 2019

The life, death, and burial of Jesus Christ is not simply a historical event. Those events signify full and complete payment for sin for all time. In Hebrews, the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ is described. "For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified (Hebrews 10:14)."

Most people find it religiosity to claim such a thing as the death of one can pay for the sins of another. Most non-believers have no problem believing the report that Jesus was crucified and was buried. They do not believe that His death paid for anything, but even if it did, ok.

But the where the separation between tolerable religion and accusations of lunacy are defined is in the claim of a bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. But the fact is that without the resurrection there is no hope. The life, crucifixion, and burial of Jesus are meaningless without the resurrection (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:12-17). We admit this; if it can be proven that Jesus did not rise from the dead then there is no reason to believe in Jesus and we wait for another. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, then the Passover sacrifice for sin is pointless. But the biblical claim is evident and obvious: Jesus rose from the dead.

In the past, we've looked at the resurrection of Jesus apologetically, historically, and we read it thoroughly as a harmony. Today we are going to examine the resurrection of Jesus Christ as a theology, an aspect of how we understand God.

## ***Foreshadow of Resurrection***

*The Two Birds* (Leviticus 14:4-7).

Two birds together present in one type the whole divine undertaking wrought by Christ through His death and resurrection (Romans 4:25). The second bird, dipped in the blood of the first bird, signifies Christ in resurrection and ascension taking His blood into heaven. The antitype is clear since the only cleansing that God can recognize is the blood of His Son and that presented in the true tabernacle in heaven (Hebrews 9:11-28).

*Aaron's Rod* (Numbers 17:1-8)

This act by God was in response to the rebels questioning Aaron as High Priest. The evidence that YHWH had commissioned Aaron was that He brought to life that which was dead. Likewise, the True High Priest, though He was dead, was resurrected (Hebrews 4:14-15; 5:1-10).

*Job Foresight* (Job 19:23-27)

Two statements are made: the first is about the fact that Job's Redeemer lives, and He will take His stand on the Earth. This is a declaration that indicates that Job understands that God Himself will be the Redeemer and cannot die. The second is that Job states that, after his physical death, he will see God in his flesh. There is no other explanation except that Job expects a bodily resurrection.

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## *Many, Many More*

Genesis 3:15; Abraham and Isaac, Isaiah 52-53; prophecies in Psalms (16:9-10; 22:1-31; 118:22-24); Daniel 12:2; Hosea 5:15-6:2

## **Reality**

Five distinct theological doctrines of Jesus Christ's Resurrection: (1) Christ predicted His resurrection, (2) the event of His resurrection, (3) the biblical evidence of the resurrection of Jesus, (4) Jesus, a new kind of human, and (5) six reasons for His resurrection.

1. Christ predicted His resurrection – John 2:22; Luke 18:31-34; Matthew 27:63-64. The resurrection of Jesus Christ was not something the disciples neither conjured up nor expected, even though Jesus Himself specifically told them. Prediction is the very nature of the True God (Isaiah 46:9-10).
2. The event of His resurrection – (Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20)
  - a. Earthquake
  - b. Stone rolled away
  - c. Angelic announcement
  - d. Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene
  - e. Peter and John seeing the empty tomb and the burial clothes
3. The biblical evidence of the resurrection of Jesus – we can go through all the various texts, but for this study we shall examine one (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:4-8). In this text, Jesus appeared to:
  - a. Peter
  - b. The Twelve
  - c. Five hundred brethren at one time – most were alive at the time of the writing of the letter
  - d. James
  - e. Again, to the Apostles
  - f. Paul
4. Jesus: a new kind of human – 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:16; 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:10. Jesus presented Himself to demonstrate immortality and to give a preview of our own resurrection.
  - a. He has a physical body – can be touched, can eat, has flesh and bone
  - b. Has supernatural characteristics – appearing and disappearing, walking through walls
  - c. We will become as He is (1<sup>st</sup> John 3:2; Romans 8:29; 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:4; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:50-55)

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## 5. Six reasons for His resurrection

- a. Christ arose because of who He is – Acts 2:24; John 5:26
- b. Christ arose that He might fulfill the Davidic Covenant – He is the rightful King and will become the forever King when He returns
- c. Christ arose that He might become the source of resurrection life (John 11:20-26). Now that Jesus is risen, we are now alive in Him having been identified with His death (Colossians 3:1-4)
- d. Christ arose that He might become the source of resurrection power (Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:19-21). Romans 6:4 – Because we are in Him and He is risen from the dead, we now have the ability to have a pattern of life that is characterized by His eternal life.
- e. Christ arose to be Head over all things to the church (Colossians 1:18-20),
- f. Christ arose on account of justification (Romans 4:25; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:13-17). Justification, or having the righteousness of God accounted to us, is not possible without the bodily resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Hebrews 13:20-21 Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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## The Gospel

The emphasis of the truth of the resurrection is the hallmark of the gospel. Without Jesus coming back from the dead, there is no victory. As Paul says, “**1 Corinthians 15:16-19** – For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.”

The Gospel can be summed up in three points:

1. Who is Jesus?
2. What did He do?
3. What did He promise?

This day, we emphasized what He did, what Jesus accomplished. The fact that Jesus died and rose again cannot be under emphasized, but we must bring it all back to the full concept.

1. Jesus is the God who has come into this world and is willing and able to give life
2. Jesus died for our sins and rose again
3. Jesus offers eternal life free to all those who are convinced that these facts are true