

14 – JESUS CHRIST: HIS RESURRECTION - PART 2

I. The Credibility of His Resurrection

- The resurrection of Christ was a miracle and requires the same evidence to prove any miracle.

A. Personal Testimonies

- The apostles repeatedly refer to the fact that they were eyewitnesses to the resurrection.

Scripture Luke 24:33-36 (ESV)

³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. ³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!”

- The apostle Paul lists the number of witnesses to the resurrection, noting that some were still alive.

Scripture 1 Corinthians 15:4-9 (ESV)

⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

B. The Impact of the Resurrection

- It must be recognized that every effect has a cause.
- The resurrection of Jesus Christ resulted in numerous effects on human history.
- First, there was an empty tomb, which was recognized by his disciples and his enemies.

Scripture Matthew 28:11-15 (ESV)

¹¹ While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. ¹² And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers ¹³ and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’” ¹⁴ And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

- Second, the Lord’s Day (Sunday) became the focus of believers over the Sabbath.
- Third, the rise of the Christian church is traced to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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- Fourth, the New Testament is an effect of the resurrection.

II. The Results of His Resurrection

A. It Attests to Jesus Christ's Deity

- The resurrection attests to the reality that Jesus Christ is God.

Scripture Romans 1:4 (ESV)

and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

B. His Work was Accepted

- We can have confidence that Christ's work was accepted because he was resurrected.

Scripture Romans 4:25 (ESV)

who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

C. Provided Additional Blessings

- The resurrection provided the additional blessings of repentance, forgiveness, regeneration and the Holy Spirit.