

# The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

## Matthew 27:57-66

The doctrine of the resurrection is the foundation doctrine of the New Testament. The resurrection is mentioned 104 times in the New Testament. Christianity is the only religion with the living originator. Buddha is dead, Brahma (Hinduism) is dead, Mohammed is dead, Karl Marx is dead. The boast and glory of Christianity is the empty tomb. Jesus is risen.

If Jesus did not rise from the grave, we are all men most miserable. The reason being is because we would still be in our sin, lost, eternally lost, 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. Jesus said that he would die and rise again from the dead the third day, Matthew 16:21. If this, the greatest of miracles is true, then it is easy to believe all the rest.

- I. Evidence of the Resurrection
  1. The empty tomb, Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:3-6.
  2. The testimony of angels, Matthew 28:6, Luke 24:5-7
  3. People who talked to Him after he resurrection: Peter, Mary, Cleopas and Thomas, John 21:1, 12-14
  4. Jesus ate and drank, showed his wounds, etc. John 21:1, 12-14.
  5. By the 500 who saw Him at one time, 1 Corinthians 15:1-6.
  6. By His appearance to Stephen at his martyrdom, Acts 7:56.
  7. By His appearance to Paul on the Damascus road, Acts 9:5.
  8. By the testimony of millions who have proved Him to be a living Savior.
  9. By many infallible proofs, Acts 1:3.
- II. Explanations of Jesus' Resurrection
  1. The fraud theory.
    - a. A hoax
    - b. The body of Jesus was stolen away.
  2. The swoon theory.
    - a. Jesus only fainted.
    - b. He did not die
    - c. The cool tomb revived him.

3. The hallucination theory.
  - a. A projected wish.
  - b. The disciples were incredulously unbelieving for which Jesus rebuked them.
  - c. Luke 24:25
4. The ghost theory.
  - a. A ghost does not have flesh and bones or eat and drink.
  - b. Luke 24:39, 43-47.
5. The myth theory.
  - a. Wild story passed down.
6. The true explanation.
  - a. Jesus Christ rose bodily from the grave as He said that He would.
  - b. Acts 2:24

### III. His Resurrection Body

1. It had flesh and bones, Luke 24:39.
2. It was a glorious body, Philippians 3:21.
3. It was an immortal body, Romans 6:9.
4. It was a spiritual body, 1 Corinthians 15:44.
5. The spirit body has the ability to pass through a solid wall, John 20:19

### IV. How Did Jesus Rise from the Dead

1. By the power of the Father, Acts 2:23-24; 3:15; 5:30
2. By the power of Christ Himself, John 2:19; 10:18.
3. By the Power of the Holy Spirit, 1 Peter 3:18

### V. Results of the Resurrection

1. It proves the existence of God.
2. It proves the Deity of Christ. Romans 1:4
3. It means that salvation is an accomplished fact.
4. The resurrection guarantees that everyone else shall rise too.
  - a. It makes the Judgment of God sure.
  - b. John 5:21-22
  - c. 2 Corinthians 5:10
5. It prepares Him to fulfill His next promise.
  - a. I will come again
  - b. John 14:1-6

6. The power of His resurrection is an experience that we may enjoy now.
  - a. Philippians 3:10

## Conclusion

Resurrection is the greatest power in the world outside of the power of prayer. Resurrection surpasses the power of the atom, hydrogen, cobalt or uranium. They have the power to destroy; Resurrection has the power to give life to the dead.

To day the mightiest conqueror is death, who strides across the land, digging A trench across the hemispheres and filling it with the dead. But resurrection is a greater power for it breaks the power of the grave. Today we triumphantly say, "Oh death, where is thy sting? Ohh grave, where is thy victory?" 1 Corinthians 15:55.

We serve a risen savior, he is in the world today.