

## **I. BIBLE TESTIMONY TO THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST**

- A. APPOINTED: GOD'S POWER OVER DEATH** (Mt.22:29; see Job13:15; 19:25f; 49:14f; 139:7f; Ezk.37:1f; Dan.12:2; see Heb.11:19)
- B. APPLIED: MANY PROOFS** (1Kngs.17:17f; 2Kngs.4:27f; Lk.7:11f; 8:41f; Jn.11:1f; see Ezk.37:9; Jn.3:8)
- C. ACCOMPLISHED: JESUS CHRIST** (Mk.8:31= 9:31=10:32f<c.14-16; see Ps.16:10(Acts 2:22; 13:35); 1Cor.15:1f,35f)

## **II. HISTORICAL OBJECTIONS TO THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST**

- A. JUDAISM: WAS NOT RAISED** (body stolen; Mt.28:12f)
- B. ISLAM: DID NOT DIE** (substitute/swooned; see Mt.26:39; Gal.3:13; Is.53:1f)
- C. SECULARISM: DOES NOT MATTER** (fictional illustration for hope; see 1Cor.15:3f)
- D. ANSWER: FAITHFUL WITNESS, FAITHFULLY PRESERVED** (Gospels; 1Cor.15:1f; see Lk.1:1f; Acts 1:1f; Jn.20:30f; 21:24f; 2Pt.1:16; see Ex.4:22; Jer.1:9,etc.)

## **III. THEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST**

- A. WONDERS & PROPHETHOOD VINDICATED** (Mk.8:31= 9:31=10:32f<c.14-16; Jn.10:17f; see Dt.18:22; 1Kngs.22:28)
- B. SACRIFICE & PRIESTHOOD ACCEPTED** (Rom.4:25a; Heb.7:24f; 9:11f,24f; 10:12f,20f; see Lev.9:24; 1Kngs.18:38; Judg.13:20)
- C. RIGHTEOUSNESS & KINGSHIP PROCLAIMED** (Rom.1:4; 4:25b; 8:34; Eph.1:20; see Lk.22:69; Acts 2:30f; 13:33; 17:31; Heb.1:3; 1Pt.3:22)
- D. FIRST DAY OF THE NEW CREATION** (last days//first days; Gen.2:3; Ex.20:8f; see Jn.20:1f,19f; see Gal.6:15; 2Cor.5:17; 2Pt.3:13; 2:11; see Heb.1:2)
- E. RESURRECTION OF ALL MANKIND** (Jn.5:19f; Acts 24:15; Rev.20:11f)

## **IV. PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST**

- A. THE GLORY OF CHRIST & THE SHAME OF ANTICHRIST** (Rom.6:4; Phil.2:9f; Col.2:12-15; see Jn.10:17; Acts 17:32)
- B. AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF SAVING FAITH** (Rom.10:9; see 1Cor.15:3f)
- C. BAPTISM: INTO CHRIST** (Rom.6:3; Col.2:12a&b; 2:20f&3:1f; 3:9,10; see Acts 2:38)
- D. LORD'S SUPPER: IN CHRIST** (Jn.15:4; 6:53,40//54; see Col.3:5f&12; see Eph.2:5f; Rom.8:11f; Phil.3:8f)
- E. FIRST DAY OF WEEK vs. ONE DAY OF YEAR** (Gen.2:3; Ex.20:8 /Jn20:1f,19f; Acts20:7; 1Co16:2; Rev1:10)
- F. THE LIVING WORD: TRUTH & CONSEQUENCES** (Heb.4:12; Phil.2:16; 1Jn.1:1; 2Tim.3:14-17; Rom.10:17; see Lk.24:44f; Gospels, etc.)
- G. RESURRECTION & REVITALIZATION** (Eph.2:5,1-10; Phil.3:10f; see Lk.15:24; Rom.4:19; 2Cor.1:9; see Ps.42:5,11; 43:5)

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE, FAMILY AND SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP**

*Suggestions: Don't feel obliged to use every question or every part of every question. Go through and discuss those that are of greatest **interest** to you. Then consider going back and discussing those that may also be **useful**, including those that may have seemed a bit difficult. In all questions, keep the outline before to identify entries relevant to the question and to look up appropriate verses listed.*

1. What most surprised, puzzled or impressed you from this sermon?
2. What was most helpful? Why? How will you apply it in your daily life?
3. What Scripture references were most helpful and why?
4. What are the primary *doctrinal* points of this passage? Do you *believe* these things?
5. What are the primary *practical* points? Do you *do* these things?
6. What was the role in the resurrection of Jesus of each Person of the Trinity? (see section I)
7. What are the historical objections to the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead?
  - a. Why is each one *invalid*?
  - b. Why are *you* persuaded of the historical truth of the resurrection?
8. How does the resurrection prove Jesus a true prophet? What is the consequence of this truth?
9. What is the significance of the resurrection for Christ's sacrifice and priesthood?
  - a. How does this relate to the forgiveness of your sins?
  - b. How does this relate to your confidence in prayer?
10. What is the significance of the resurrection for Christ's kingship?
11. What is the significance of the resurrection for the old creation and the new creation?
12. Who will be raised at the last day, for what purpose and to what end?
13. How does the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead distinguish Christ among all the other gods and religions?
14. How important is faith (cognizance, conviction & commitment) in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead?
15. What is the significance of baptism in view of the resurrection?
16. What is the significance of the Lord's Supper in view of the resurrection?
17. When do we celebrate the resurrection and why do we celebrate it then?
18. Where has God declared the truth and consequences of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead? Therefore, what should we do? Do you do this?
19. How does the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead give you hope in every sorrow?\*