

The Resurrection

Matthew 27:55-28:15

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Main Point:

Jesus died on the cross, but on the third day rose again; therefore, believe in the resurrection of Christ and rejoice in its benefits.

1. Jesus truly died on the cross.

2. Yet, on the third day, He rose from the dead.

3. Not all believe in the resurrection of Jesus.

4. You should, and must, believe in the resurrection of Jesus.

5. If you do believe in the resurrection of Jesus, then rejoice that He is risen!

Isaiah 53:9 ⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked-- But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor *was any* deceit in His mouth. (NKJV)

Matthew 12:38-40 ³⁸ Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." ³⁹ But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (NKJV)

Mark Ross "The fact that, according to the prejudices of the first century, women generally were not thought reliable witnesses makes this report that much more credible, for no one seeking to fabricate a resurrection story would put such people in the role of primary witnesses."

1 Corinthians 15:16-17 ¹⁶ For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁷ And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! (NKJV)

Romans 10:9 ⁹ ... if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 15:20, 54-55 ²⁰ But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep ... ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O Death, where *is* your sting? O Hades, where *is* your victory?" (NKJV)

1 Peter 1:3 ³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 15:17 ¹⁷ And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! (NKJV)

Romans 8:34 ³⁴ Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. (NKJV)

Acts 2:32-33 ³² "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. ³³ "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. (NKJV)

Romans 6:4-6 ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. (NKJV)

Matthew 28:19-20 ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen. (NKJV)