

Jesus is Risen From The Dead!

I. JESUS IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD

- A. One of the greatest truths that set Christians apart from every other religion, is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. When Jesus was crucified, he hung on a cross and then He died.

“After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said, ‘I thirst’... He said ‘it is finished!’ and bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.” (Jn. 19:28, 30)

- B. After He died, He was placed in a tomb (Jn. 19:38-42). Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead as He said He would, (1 Cor. 15:3-4).

“Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.”

³Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. ⁴So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. ⁵And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. ⁹For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead...” (Jn. 20:1-9)

Then the disciples went away again to their own homes. ¹¹But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. ¹³Then they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.” ¹⁴Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that I was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?”

She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which is to say, Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’”

¹⁸Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.” (Jn. 20:10-18).

II. JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF TO HIS DISCIPLES

- A. After rising from the dead, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples. As they were meeting together behind closed doors for fear of the Jews, He suddenly appears and stands in their midst.

“Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, ‘Peace be with you’. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord” (Jn. 20:19-20)

III. PROOF OF THE RESURRECTION

- A. One of the disciples (Thomas) didn’t believe the report from the others. He said, *“Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”*(Jn. 20:25)
- B. Then Jesus showed up, after 8 days, as the disciples were gathered together with Thomas. It says *“Jesus came, the door being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, ‘Peace to you’”* (Jn. 20:26).
“Then He said to Thomas, ‘Reach your finger here and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing’. And Thomas answered and said to Him, ‘My Lord and My God!’. Jesus said to Him, Thomas, because you have seen Me you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” (Jn. 20:27-29).
- C. Jesus appears on the sea of Tiberias (Jn. 21:1-14). After fishing all night, and not catching anything, Jesus stood on the shore, and He says to them, *“Have you any food?’, They answered Him, ‘No’. And He said to them, ‘Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some’. So they cast the net, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish”* (Jn. 21:5-6). They ended up having breakfast by the sea with Jesus. The Bible says, *“This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead”* (Jn. 21:14)
- D. Jesus appears to over 500 people at once. The Apostle Paul records: *“For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ‘and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, and then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as one born out of due time.”* (1Cor. 15:3-8).
- E. Luke, one of the apostles who, in addition to writing the gospel of Luke, also wrote the book of Acts. He says this: *“The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs (unquestionable evidence – Amp.), being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God”* (Acts 1:1-3)

IV. JESUS IS CALLED THE FIRSTBORN FROM DEAD

¹⁵*He is...the firstborn over all creation.¹⁶ By Him all things were created...¹⁸ He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. (Col. 1:15-18)*

²⁰*...when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand...²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name... (Eph. 1:20-22)*