RESURRECTION



VICTORY OVER DEATH

JESUS - THE RISEN SON OF GOD

Jesus knew He would both die and rise from the dead.

- Jesus' response to those who criticized Him at the temple (John 2:18-21).
- Jesus always had the same sign for those skeptics who sought signs (Matt. 12:38-40).
- As His death was approaching, Jesus would warn his disciples (Luke 18:31-34).
- But then they understood and were witnesses of it (Acts 1:1-3; John 2:22).

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Peter would proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection on the day of Pentecost.

- God attested Jesus to the Jews by His wonderous signs (Acts 2:22; John 20:30, 31).
- Jesus' resurrection as was prophesied by David (Acts 2:23-31; Psalm 16:8-11).
- He and the rest of the apostles are witnesses of the resurrected Christ (Acts 2:32; John 20:19-29; 1 Cor. 15:5-8).
- Christ ascended to the right hand of God (Acts 2:33-36; Psalm 110:1; Mark 16:9).

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God Himself raised Jesus from the dead.

- Proof Jesus is His Son (Rom. 1:1-4).
- Raised to be seated at His right hand (Eph. 1:20-23).
- Where He intercedes for us (1 Thess. 1:10; Heb. 4:14-16; 7:25).
- True justification for us (Rom. 4:23-25; 6:3, 4).
- Assurance that there is a day in which all people will be judged (Acts 17:30; 31).
- Faith and hope in Jesus' resurrection (1 Peter 1:17-21).

JESUS - THE FIRST TO RISE AGAIN

Paul speaks of Christ as the first to rise from the dead.

22 Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come— 23 that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles."

(Acts 26:22, 23)

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But we see that others had risen from the dead.

- Elijah raised the son of a widow (1 Kings 17:17-23).
- Elisha raised the son of a Shunammite (2 Kings 4:32-37).
- The young man buried with Elisha rose again (2 Kings 13:21).
- Jesus raised the son of a widow and the daughter of Jairus (Luke 7:12-15; 8:49-55).
- Jesus raised Lazarus (John 11).
- Dead saints rose again at Jesus' death (Matt. 27:51-53).
- Peter raised Dorcas (Acts 9:36-40).
- Paul raised a man who fell to his death (Acts 20:9-12).

JESUS - THE FIRST TO RISE AGAIN

But Christ was raised by God Himself, by God's will, never to die again.

- Those who resurrected eventually died again.
- But Jesus was raised never to die again (Rom. 6:8, 9).
- He was first to rise, giving way for more to rise after Him (1 Cor. 15:20-23).
- But God raised Christ first, giving Him preeminence (Col. 1:18).

JESUS — VICTOR & VICTORY GIVER

- Death comes to all, but it is not the end.
 - All living things are appointed to die (Eccl. 12:7; Heb. 9:27).
 - But Jesus offers eternal life (John 3:14-17; 11:25, 26; 1 Cor. 15:21, 22).
- Death is not a power that will be victorious.
 - God will raise us from death (1 Cor. 6:14).
 - Death will be destroyed forever (1 Cor. 15:23-28).

Our two resurrections:

- Symbolic (Col. 2:12; 1 Peter 3:18-21; Rom. 6:4-7, 10, 11).
- Actual (1 Thess. 4:14-18; 1 Cor. 15:50-58).

1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know."