

# Road to Redemption

## Through a Glorious Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:14-23

Upon this our hopes are fixed for time and for eternity. Christian doctrine is incomplete without the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ at its center and pervading all of its glorious truths.

### I. The Proof of the Resurrection

John 11:25 KJV 1900

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

#### A. The Testimony of Prophecy

Job noted his confidence in his own resurrection based on his living Redeemer.

Job 19:25-26 KJV 1900

For I know *that* my redeemer liveth, And *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth:

And *though* after my skin worms destroy this *body*, Yet in my flesh shall I see God:

Later, David in one of the great Messianic Psalms said prophetically of his great Son,

Psalm 16:10 KJV 1900

For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; Neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Isaiah proclaims a resurrection dependent upon the resurrection of another

Isaiah 26:19 KJV 1900

Thy dead *men* shall live, *Together with* my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: For thy dew *is as* the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead.

#### B. The Testimony of Christ

Matthew 16:21 KJV 1900

From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

To the Jews He said:

**John 2:19 KJV 1900**

Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

**John 2:21 KJV 1900**

But he spake of the temple of his body.

When the scribes and Pharisees demanded a sign of Him, Jesus replied:

**Matthew 12:39–40 KJV 1900**

But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

## C. The Testimony of the Empty Tomb

Viewing the resurrection from the distance of 2000 years, we sometimes lose the force of the witness of that empty cave where the body of Jesus was buried.

## D. The Testimony of Eye Witness

He was seen of Mary Magdalene

**Mark 16:9 KJV 1900**

Now when *Jesus* was risen early the first *day* of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

He was seen by a group of women

**Matthew 28:9 KJV 1900**

And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

There was also a reunion of Christ with Peter

**Luke 24:34 KJV 1900**

Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

There were two men who walked on the way to Emmaus

**Luke 24:13 KJV 1900**

And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs.

We see that He appeared to the disciples excluding Thomas.

**John 20:19 KJV 1900**

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, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you.

A week later, He came to the disciples while Thomas was present

**John 20:26 KJV 1900**

And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: *then* came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace *be* unto you.

He had breakfast with seven of the disciples by the Sea of Galilee

**John 21:1 KJV 1900**

After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he *himself*.

There was an appearance to 500 of the brethren

**1 Corinthians 15:7 KJV 1900**

After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

Finally the appearance of His ascension

**Luke 24:50–51 KJV 1900**

And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

## III. The Power of His Resurrection

### A. Power Over Death

**Christ had already proved He had power over death:**

A little girl, a widow's son, a beloved friend.

If He succeeded in rising from the dead it would mean hope and salvation for multitudes of lost sinners. Therefore, not just death, but all the powers of darkness marshaled by Satan himself, were arrayed against any effort to rise again.

But these pathetic attempts to hold the Eternal, omnipotent Son of God in the grave were pathetic at best. They were helpless to keep the Almighty in the grave. HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD!

## B. Power to Produce Life

**Romans 5:10 KJV 1900**

For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

**Ephesians 2:5–6 KJV 1900**

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

**Romans 6:4–5 KJV 1900**

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his* resurrection:

**Philippians 4:13 KJV 1900**

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

**Ephesians 3:20 KJV 1900**

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

## Conclusion

The reality is that if you do not believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, you are eternally lost.

**Romans 10:9 KJV 1900**

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

If you believe that Jesus is the ETERNAL Son of God, who came to this earth, lived a perfectly sinless life, died on the cross and rose again to save you from your sins, then call on Him in faith and be saved!

**Romans 10:13 KJV 1900**

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.