

I AM THE RESURRECTION

JOHN 11:25 & OTHERS

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²⁵ Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

Introduction:

The resurrection is the foundation for other great Bible doctrines. For instance, if Jesus was not raised from the dead, as the Bible says, then the Bible is not the verbally inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God.

Before His death, Jesus stated He would rise from the dead.

Mark 14:58

⁵⁸ We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.

John 2:19

¹⁹ Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

The resurrection of Jesus distinguishes and makes Christianity superior to all other religions of the world. All other religions can point to a founder; they point to a founder's grave, but Christianity points to an empty tomb.

Notice:

1. PROPHECY OF HIS RESURRECTION

Long before Jesus was born it was prophesied that He would be raised from the dead.

Psalms 16:10

¹⁰ For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Matthew 16:21

²¹ 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.

2. PROOF OF HIS RESURRECTION

A. Human Reasoning

- If Jesus came out of that grave, then either man took Him out or God took Him out.
- If man took Him out it had to be either His friends or His enemies.
- Do you think His friends – a little band of defenseless disciples – could overpower roman guards and take the body of Jesus from the tomb?

- If His friends didn't take the body of Jesus from the tomb, then did His enemies?
- They were doing everything possible to keep Him in the tomb.
- His friends couldn't and His enemies wouldn't. That leaves only one alternative, God almighty raised Jesus from the dead.

Hebrews 13:20

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B. Proof of many witnesses

1 Corinthians 15:6

⁶ After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

3. PURPOSE OF HIS RESURRECTION

A. Our Justification

Romans 4:25

²⁵ Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Romans 5:1

¹ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

B. Declare His Deity

Romans 1:4

⁴ And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

C. Assure Our Resurrection

1 Thessalonians 4:14-16

¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. ¹⁵ For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

John 14:19

¹⁹ Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

D. Provides A Glad Reunion

1 Thessalonians 4:14

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