

Rescue

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Alive in the Spirit!

Evidence of Jesus' Resurrection

- The _____ of His death (Acts 2:23)
- The _____ of His body (Mark 16:5-6)
- The _____ of Jesus alive to many (1 Cor. 15:3-8)
- The _____ of the apostles (Acts 4:13)
- The _____ of the church (Acts 5:41-42; 8:4)

The Extraordinary Importance of the Resurrection

1 Cor. 15:14 *And if [Jesus] is still dead, then all our preaching is useless and your trust in God is empty, worthless, hopeless.*

- The _____ of Old Testament prophecy

Psalms 16:9-10 *Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.*

- The _____ of Jesus' own words

Matt. 16:21-22 *From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"*

- The _____ of His life for ours

Col. 2:13-14 *When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.*

Who Raised Christ from the Dead?

Acts 2:24 _____ raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

John 2:19 _____ answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

Romans 8:11 *If the _____ of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

Questions About Paul

- Does Paul's character (humility, service & sacrifice, obedience to God) make it unlikely that he was easily deceived or misrepresented the facts?
- Are Paul's claims coherent, and do they contradict or complement each other?
- Are there other reliable writers who corroborate Paul's accounts?
- Do Paul's claims support realities about how we understand life today?
- If Paul's claims are true, are we willing to accept that and change our lives in response?

*"The **good** things of God are peace of conscience and joy in the Holy Spirit in this life; [the pleasure] of God's presence, and vision of His blessed face in the next – and these good things God never bestows upon the wicked, and never withholds from the godly."*

– Sir Richard Baker

Resources

VBC's Discovery Course

- May 1 Why are we here?
- May 15 Is there a God?
- May 22 How trustworthy is the Bible?
- June 5 Who is Jesus?
- June 12 Now what?

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For Additional Reading

- The biblical books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John
- "The Story of Reality" by Greg Koukl
- "The Reason for God" by Timothy Keller
- "Supernatural" by Michael Heisser

SONGS

"HAPPY DAY" - Ben Cantelon, Tim Hughes

"GLORIOUS DAY"- John Wilbur Chapman, Mark Hall, Michael Bleecker

"ALL HAIL KING JESUS" – Ran Jackson, Peter Mattis, Jeremy Riddle, and Steffany Gretzinger

"REIGN ABOVE IT ALL" – Ethan Hulse, Hannah McClure, Jess Cates, and Paul McClure

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 29,952.06
WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,093.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$499,088.60
Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$541,395.00