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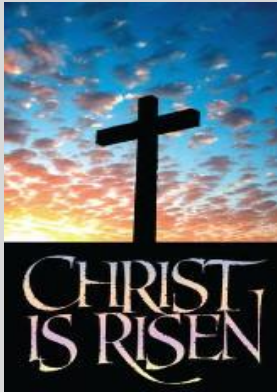
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'...that you may know that you have eternal life.' 1 John 5:13

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The Resurrection of Christ Is ...

PROOF OF THE DEITY OF CHRIST.

"Jesus Christ ... declared to be the Son of God with power ... by the resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:3,4).

AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE GOSPEL.

"The gospel ... how 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"

(1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

THE SEAL OF THE FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST.

"When He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Hebrews 1:3).

ESSENTIAL FOR SALVATION.

"If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17). "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" (Romans 10:9).

EVIDENCE OF THE BELIEVER'S JUSTIFICATION.

"Jesus our Lord ... was delivered for our offenses and was raised again for our justification" (Romans 4:24,25).

VITAL FOR POSSESSION OF ETERNAL LIFE.

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die" (John 11:25,26).

GUARANTEE OF THE BELIEVER'S RESURRECTION.

"Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout ... and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them ... to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:14-17).

THE REASON FOR THE BELIEVER'S HOPE.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which ... hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).

THE ASSURANCE OF THE SINNER'S JUDGMENT.

"He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead" (Acts 17:31).

Moments with the Book

"But now is Christ risen from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20). "He showed Himself alive ... by many infallible proofs" (Acts 1:3).

HE WAS SEEN...

By Mary Magdalene Jn 20:14-18; Mk 16:9

By the women returning from the tomb Mt 28:8-10

By Peter later in the day Lk 24:34; 1 Cor 15:5

By disciples going to Emmaus in the evening Lk 24:13-31

By the apostles (except Thomas) Lk 24:36-45; Jn 20:19-24

By the apostles a week later (Thomas present) Jn 20:24-29

By the seven by the Lake of Tiberias Jn 21:1-23

By the apostles and 500 believers 1 Cor 15:6

By James 1 Cor 15:7

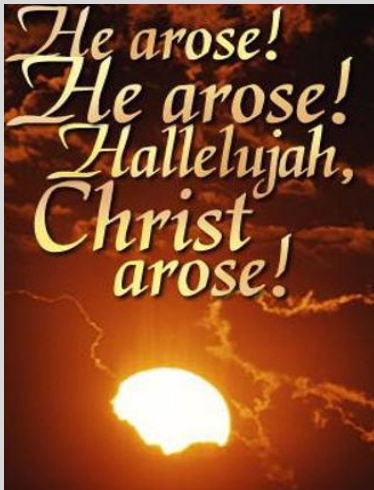
By Disciples at His the ascension Acts 1:3-12

By Paul near Damascus Acts 9:3-6; 1 Cor 15:8

By Stephen outside Jerusalem Acts 7:55

By Paul in the temple Acts 22:17-21; 23:11

By John on Patmos Rev 1:10-19



Low in the grave He lay,
Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day,
Jesus my Lord!

Refrain

*Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Vainly they watch His bed,
Jesus my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus my Lord!

Refrain

Death cannot keep its Prey,
Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away,
Jesus my Lord!

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"The RESURRECTION of Jesus is the Gibraltar of the Christian faith and the Waterloo of infidelity and rationalism." (R A Torrey) Contrary to the opinion of the skeptics, the New Testament proclaims a Christ Who once was dead and is now alive, not a Christ Who was once alive and now is dead! J C Ryle rightly said that "in an age of abounding unbelief and skepticism, we shall find that the RESURRECTION of Christ will bear any weight that we can lay upon it."

MASTER OF MIRACLES

WHAT IS A MIRACLE?

Many definitions are given, but a true miracle is something beyond man's intellectual or scientific ability to accomplish. It is more than a highly improbable event; it injects a new element (the supernatural) into the natural order of things.

Four Greek words are used in the gospels to characterize our Lord's miracles.

(1) *Dunamis* emphasizes that the mighty power of God has entered our world as displayed in Christ's miracles (**Matthew 11:21; Mark 6:2,5, 14; 9:39**).

(2) *Teras* means "wonder" and underscores the extraordinary character of the Lord's miracles. It is always used with some other word (such as "signs and wonders") so that we will not think of the miracles simply as dazzling demonstrations (**Mark 13:22; John 4:48**).

(3) *Ergon* means "works" and is used both for Christ's miracles and His ordinary deeds of mercy (**John 5:20,36; 7:3; 10:25**).

(4) *Semeion* means "sign" and indicates that Christ's miracles were to teach us spiritual truths (**John 2:11; 4:54; 6:2; 11:47**).

THE PURPOSE OF THE MIRACLES

The main purpose of the miracles was to teach—to reveal something about who Christ is and what He can do. Christ used miracles to demonstrate His deity (**Mark 2:7**), to support His claims to being the Messiah (**Matthew 9:27**), and to serve as illustrations of deeper spiritual truths (see **John 6:32-35**). But the miracles also remind us of the consequences of sin—sickness, blindness, death—and of the power of the Lord to do something about those consequences.

In His miracles we see Him as:

- Lord over nature,
- Lord over life,
- Lord over death,
- Lord over sickness,
- Lord over sin, and
- Lord over Satan.

The miracles are clear and eloquent evidence that Jesus of Nazareth possessed powers that belong only to God and therefore that He is God Himself.

THE GREATEST MIRACLE

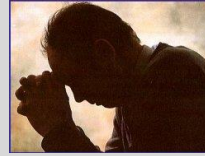
The three resurrections from the dead (the widow of Nain's son, Jairus's daughter, and Lazarus), portray our Lord as "the resurrection, and the life" (**John 11:25**).

While those three returned to this life to die again, they preview the new kind of underlying life to which all believers will be raised by the Lord. And, of course, His greatest miracle—His own resurrection from the dead—seals that guarantee.

Because the tomb is empty, our Lord lives, and He lives in the lives of His children (**Galatians 2:20**). What does that mean for us in this day? It does not mean exemption from trials or sickness or attacks, but it assures us that the grace of our living Lord is sufficient in all circumstances (**2 Corinthians 12:9**). It does not necessarily mean He will give the same signs and perform the same wonders He did while He was here on earth, nor that we will perform them, but it does mean we can rely on His power to accomplish all His desires in our lives and in this world.

This is the Lord who saves all who put their trust in Him. This is the Lord who cares for His own through every circumstance of life. This is the Lord whom we love and serve forever!

POINT TO PONDER



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" **John 11:25-26**

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