

# JESUS CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD.....SO WHAT ?

(John 11:25—"I am the resurrection and the life...")

Christianity proclaims that God visited this planet in space/time history, lived a perfect life as a man, was crucified on a Roman cross, found to be dead by the executioners, was buried, and was raised from the dead three days later. Biblical religion is historical; what it records really happened. Christianity holds to "the correspondence theory of truth". What does that mean? Whatever makes a claim to be "true" must correspond to reality. And reality is never determined by a single person's testimony--two or more corroborating witnesses must testify to the truth. Biblical truth is never a subjective experience inside one's own head (beyond verification). Biblical truth, whether in a court of law or in evaluating reality, must be based upon two or more witnesses. (The New Testament gives ample evidence of two or more witnesses establishing reality--**Acts 1:21-22 and 2:29-32 and 5:29-31; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:1-8**)

Because Jesus Christ was raised from the dead in fulfillment of the promises of God's Word and verified by many eyewitnesses, it really happened. But the next questions we should logically ask ourselves is "What does that mean? What are the consequences of the resurrection of Christ?" The Bible reveals that Christ's resurrection is of vast importance in at least five different ways and has meaning for God the Father, Jesus Christ, believers, the devil and for unbelievers.

## THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST HAS IMPACT/MEANING FOR GOD THE FATHER

**1<sup>st</sup>. God the Father's character, attributes and perfections (i.e. His glory) all come together in the resurrection of God the Son.**

**Romans 6:4**—"Christ was raised from the dead *by the glory of the Father*".

**Philippians 2:11**—"to the glory of God the Father".

**Acts 26:22-23**—"which the Prophets and Moses said would come--that the Christ would suffer, that *He would be the first to rise from the dead...*"

**2<sup>nd</sup>. God the Father raising His Son from the dead proves that history is linear, it is moving surely and exorably towards God's predetermined climax of history.**

**John 17:4-5**

**Acts 17:22-31**

**Ephesians 1:7-11 and 3:10**

## THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST HAS IMPACT/MEANING FOR JESUS HIMSELF

**1<sup>st</sup>. The resurrection was the near fulfillment (which His ascension finalized) of the mission give to Christ by His Father in heaven.**

**John 6:38-40**

**John 10:17-18**

**2<sup>nd</sup>. The resurrection was the divine answer to Christ's agonized prayer for deliverance *out of* the realm of death—but not from death itself.**

**John 12:27-28**

**3<sup>rd</sup>. Through the resurrection, Christ was acknowledged and proclaimed as both LORD and Christ.**  
**Acts 2:22-24, 32, 36**—"this Jesus whom you crucified...God has raised up to be both Lord and Christ"

**4<sup>th</sup>. As the first to be raised from the dead, the “first fruits” as it were of the new order of reality, the Father has made Christ Head of the Church and the King of the whole creation, the Father’s Vice-Regent.**

**Colossians 1:15-18**

**Ephesians 1:19-23**—Christ now rules over all

**Hebrews 1:1-3** (Christ’s resurrection is implied but not specifically stated)

**5<sup>th</sup>. The resurrection proves Christ’s claims to be God.**

**Romans 1:4**—“He was declared to be the Son of God with power...by the resurrection from the dead”

**The sermons of the Apostles in the Book of Acts, the Epistles and the Revelation**—all testify that Jesus Christ is the God-man.

**6<sup>th</sup>. The resurrection was the Father’s answer to Jesus’ prayer in John 17:1, 4-5—“Glorify me together with Yourself with the glory which I had with you before the world was.”**

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:10-11 and 18-21**—Peter writes of the suffering of Christ and the glories that would follow His resurrection.

**7<sup>th</sup>. The giving or pouring out of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was the sign that Jesus had been raised and enthroned by God the Father as His King.**

**Acts 2:29-36**-- The Old Testament prophecies about the giving of the Holy Spirit were fulfilled in Christ. His resurrection establishes that. Jesus Christ is the sovereign ruler of the world, King of the Kingdom that God is building.

**8<sup>th</sup>. The resurrection of Christ confirms the truthfulness of all of His teachings.** Jesus told His disciples and the surrounding crowds that He was going to Jerusalem to be put to death and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day He would rise again. That all happened just as He said. It follows that everything else that He taught was also true. If the hardest and most difficult reality came true, then it follows that lesser truth claims were also true.

--He said that His blood was shed for the remission of sins.

--He said He came down from heaven, sent by God the Father.

--He said that the words He spoke were given to Him by His Father in heaven.

--He said that he was one with God, making Himself equal with God the Father. He is God the Son.

--He said that whoever believed upon Him would have everlasting life.

--He said that whoever refused to believe on Him would have eternal condemnation.

--He said that He was returning to heaven to prepare a place for His people and later return and receive His people unto Himself.

--He said that the dead would hear His voice on Judgment Day and rise from the dead

**--SUMMARY—In believing the resurrection, you must believe in all Christ taught.**