

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**IMPORTANCE OF THE RESURRECTION**  
**LUKE 24:44-48**

**I. THE RESURRECTION IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT SPEAKS TO THE DEPENDABILITY OF THE SCRIPTURES!**

*(LUKE 24:25-27)*

The **RESURRECTION** shows the **BIBLE** to be more than just another book! The **BIBLE** claims to be the **GOD-BREATHED BOOK—THE WORD OF GOD!**

There is **NOTHING** better to prove that the **BIBLE** is more than just another book better than pointing to its many **FULFILLED PROPHECIES**—especially the **PROPHECIES** related to **THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

**A. Did You Know That The OLD TESTAMENT Contains Over 300 References To The MESSIAH That Were FULFILLED In THE LORD JESUS CHRIST?**

**1. There Are PROPHECIES Related To HIS DEATH!**

Two of the **MESSIANIC PSALMS** speak to **HIS DEATH—Psalm 22 and 69**

**ISAIAH** wrote of the suffering *Servant* in *Isaiah 53* ;

**DANIEL** wrote in *Daniel 9:24-26* that **MESSIAH** would be “*cut off*”

**ZECHARIAH** wrote of **HIS Hand wounds** as well as of the **Smiting the Shepherd** in *Zechariah 13:6-7*.

**2. There Are PROPHECIES Related To HIS BURIAL!**

*Isaiah 53:9—“And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death”*

**3. There Are PROPHECIES Related To HIS RESURRECTION!**

*(Psalm 16:10-11; Isaiah 53:10-12)*

**B. PROPHECIES FULFILLED BY JESUS Confirm JESUS As The MESSIAH, The CHRIST, The SON OF GOD!**

**1. Some May Object And Say, “Well Fulfilled Prophecy In Jesus Was Deliberate On His Part!”**

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That might seem plausible until one realizes that many of these prophecies concerning the **MESSIAH** were totally beyond the human control of **JESUS**.

Such things as...**HIS** place of birth, time of birth, manner of birth, betrayal, manner of death, people's reactions (mocking, spitting, staring, etc.), piercing, and **HIS** burial.

**2. Other's May Say That FULFILLED PROPHECY In JESUS Was Just A Coincidence.**

However, it being a coincidence is ruled out by the science of probability! I'm not going to go over all the numbers. *(e.g. Hold up the chart!)*

But, if you have any doubts, I do have documented proof and calculations to back this up that I'd be happy to share with anyone!

*(As children say “1 in a gazillion gazillion chance!”)*

*THE RESURRECTION IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT SPEAKS TO THE DEPENDABILITY OF THE SCRIPTURES...*

**II. THE RESURRECTION IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT SPEAKS TO THE DEITY OF THE SAVIOR! (Romans 1:4)**

The fact that **JESUS CHRIST** died on the **CROSS** did not prove in itself that **HE** is **GOD**. Even though **HIS DEATH** was unlike **ANY OTHER DEATH!**

**JESUS** proved **HIS DEITY** by fulfilling **ALL** the **OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES** relating not only to **HIS BIRTH** and **LIFE** but also those relating to **HIS DEATH, HIS BURIAL, and HIS RESURRECTION!**

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**A. HE Did What HE Said HE Would Do!**  
*(John 2:18-22; Matthew 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:17-19; 27:62-66)*

**B. What HE Said HE Would Do Was Impossible For A Mere Man To Do!**  
*John 10:17-18 17 "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father."*

**C. HIS RESURRECTION Was Unlike Any Other RESURRECTION!**

Up to **HIS RESURRECTION** there had been six individuals clearly presented in the **BIBLE** as being raised from the dead.

**Of these miraculous RESURRECTIONS, three occur in the OLD TESTAMENT.**

- 1. When The LORD resurrected the son of the widow in Zarephath at Elijah's request! (1 Kings 17:17-24)**
- 2. The LORD resurrected the son of the Shunammite woman at the request of Elisha! (2 Kings 4:32-35)**
- 3. A dead man came back to life when he was lowered into Elisha's grave and touched Elisha's bones! (2 Kings 13:21)**

**Then, the Gospels record that at least three individuals were raised from the dead by Jesus.**

- 1. Jesus raised the widow's son at Nain! (Luke 7:13-15)**
- 2. Jesus raised Jairus' daughter from the dead! (Matthew 9:25)**
- 3. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead! (John 11:43-44)**

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**Then we have CHRIST'S RESURRECTION! (Matthew 28:5-7; Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-11, and John 20:1-10)**

**So, How Was CHRIST'S RESURRECTION Unlike Any Other? 2 Things:**

**Because HIS Body Was Mutilated And HIS Blood Drained!**

**Because HE Lay HIS Own Life Down To Take It Back Up!**  
*John 10:17-18- "...I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again."*

**Who else has ever done that? NOBODY!**

**How could HE do that? BECAUSE HE IS LORD! GOD!**

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**III. THE RESURRECTION IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT SPEAKS TO THE DESTINY OF THE SAVED (OR THE SAINTS)! JESUS said, "Because I live ye shall live also" (John 14:19).**

**Look at what PAUL wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:20-23**

Those who have died in **JESUS** have **BODIES** that are **ASLEEP** in the **GRAVE** awaiting the **RESURRECTION**.

It is not the **SOUL** which sleeps but the **BODY** or the **HUMAN TABERNACLE** itself.

Since **CHRIST AROSE** from the dead, then we can rest assured **HE CAN AND WILL RAISE THE DEAD IN CHRIST** to live for all eternity!

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**A. REDEMPTION And FORGIVENESS Of SINS Are Available!**

*Ephesians 1:7*—"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;"

**B. CHRIST Took Our SIN And Death!**

*Romans 5:8*—"...while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us!"

*2 Corinthians 5:21*—"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin;..."

**C. CHRIST Gave Us HIS Righteousness And HIS Life!**

*2 Corinthians 5:21*—"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; **that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**"

*John 10:10*—"...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

*Colossians 1:13*—"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"

*Hebrews 2:14-15*—"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

**D. Because CHRIST AROSE We Shall Also Arise!**  
**(1 Corinthians 15:35-58)**