
The Resurrection of Jesus: Why Is It So Important?

Matthew 28:5-6a

But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. **He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.** Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Romans 4:25

who was delivered up because of our offenses, **and was raised because of our justification.**

Just How Important Is the Resurrection?

1. It is _____ part of the Gospel message

- **Acts 4:2** - being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
- **Acts 4:33** - And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.
- **Acts 13:27-37** - ²⁷ For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled *them* in condemning *Him*. ²⁸ And though they found no cause for death *in Him*, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death. ²⁹ Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took *Him* down from the tree and laid *Him* in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised Him from the dead. ³¹ He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. ³² And we declare to you glad tidings--that promise which was made to the fathers. ³³ God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: '*You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.*' ³⁴ And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: '*I will give you the sure mercies of David.*' ³⁵ Therefore He also says in another *Psalm*: '*You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.*' ³⁶ "For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; ³⁷ but He whom God raised up saw no corruption.
- **Acts 17:18** - Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.
- **Acts 17:32** - And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this *matter*."
- **1 Cor 15:3-4** - ³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

2. It is a _____ truth of the Christian faith

- **1 Cor 15:12-19** - ¹² Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁴ And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty and your faith *is* also empty. ¹⁵ Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up--if in fact the dead do not rise. ¹⁶ For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁷ And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! ¹⁸ Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.
- **Heb 5:12-6:2** - ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³ For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. ¹⁴ But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. ¹ Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Christ's Resurrection: Why Is It Important?

1. Because it verifies His _____ (Matthew 28:5-6a)
 - a. **Regarding His _____ – His IDENTITY – Who He Is**
Rom 1:4 - [and] declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.
 - b. **Regarding His _____ – His ABILITY – What He Can Do**
Rev 1:18 - I [am] He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.
 - c. **Regarding His _____ – His VERACITY – What He Says**
John 11:20-26 - Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹ Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"
2. Because it validates His _____
Rom 4:25 – who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.
3. Because it guarantees the resurrection of _____ mankind
 - a. **Believers**
John 5:28-29 – Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.
John 11:20-26
1 Cor 15:20-26 – But now Christ is risen from the dead, [and] has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since by man [came] death, by Man also [came] the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those [who are] Christ's at His coming. ²⁴ Then [comes] the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy [that] will be destroyed [is] death.
Rev 20:6 – Blessed and holy [is] he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.
Rev 21:4 – And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.
 - b. **Unbelievers**
John 5:28-29
Rev 20:13-14 – The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
4. Because it illustrates the _____ available to us _____
 - a. **Power that can be known and experienced now!**
Phil 3:10-11 – that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.
 - b. **Power that delivers us from the power of sin in our lives**
Rom 5:10 – For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.
1 Pet 1:3 – Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
1 Pet 3:21 – There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,