

## THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Text: Luke 24:5-6 <sup>5</sup> And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

Acts 1:3 <sup>3</sup> To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Biblical references to His appearances after His resurrection:

- Mary Magdalene ([John 20:11–18](#))
- The other Mary, Salome, Joanna, and at least one other woman ([Matthew 28:1](#); [Mark 16:1](#); [Luke 24:10](#))
- Peter ([Luke 24:34](#); [1 Corinthians 15:5](#))
- Cleopas and another disciple on road to Emmaus ([Luke 24:13–35](#))
- The eleven disciples minus Thomas ([Luke 24:36–43](#); [John 20:19–25](#))
- The eleven disciples ([John 20:26–29](#))
- Seven disciples at the Sea of Tiberias ([John 21:1–23](#))
- Disciples at a mountain in Galilee ([Matthew 28:16–17](#))
- James ([1 Corinthians 15:7](#))
- Disciples, possibly in Jerusalem before He led them to the Mt. of Olives, gave the Great Commission, and ascended into heaven ([Luke 24:49–53](#); [Acts 1:3–11](#))
- Paul on the Road to Damascus ([Acts 9:1–19](#))
- To more than 500 brethren, most of who testified ([1 Corinthians 15:6](#))

Arguable Proofs of Christ's Resurrection:

- Not sure of location of tomb
- The Historical account of Scripture (40 days showing Himself to people)
- The eyewitness account of over 500 people
- The Day of Pentecost results
- Sunday worship and giving
- Baptism
- Communion
- Easter
- The guarded tomb
- The theories conjured up
- The fear amongst the politicians and religious leaders
- The willingness of martyrdom
- The power and filling of the Holy Spirit
- The testimonies of billions of lives who have been touched and changed

## What does the Resurrection Prove?

- The Truthfulness of Scripture
- The Humanity and Deity of Christ
- The Validity of Christianity
- The Right of the Authority of God in our lives and practices
- The Inevitability of the Judgment of God
- The Defeat of Satan
- The Ultimate Resurrection of all who believe

## Why is the Resurrection of Christ so Important?

- It is the cornerstone of the Christian faith – the crucifixion is meaningless without the resurrection – No other religious faith can boast, with proof, about a resurrection
- It is essential for salvation – (*Romans 10:9-13*)
- It is the centerpiece of righteous living from many standpoints – (*Romans 10:10*)
- I Corinthians 15:12-21 – Without the resurrection:
  1. Christ is dead
  2. Preaching is useless and vain
  3. Our faith is in vain
  4. We are liars about God and truth
  5. We are still in our sins
  6. We are lost
  7. Eternity is hopeless
  8. We are of all people most pitiful

## What does the Resurrection of Christ mean to us today?

- It provides hope
- It provides assurance
- It produces righteousness
- The Holy Spirit's filling is the result
- Our resurrection is assured
- It gives authority to the believer both in message and conduct
- God's promises are not vain, but rather "yea and amen"
- It puts the nail in the coffin of Satan's assured defeat
- It impassions the church to reach the lost
- It provides purpose and reason to life
- We know we are being watched
- We know Christ is preparing a place for us
- We know He is our advocate and intercessor today
- We know He is coming again, just as He said He would
- We know His statements are truth – ALL OF THEM.

