

Study No. 6 - The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

The resurrection is the central tenet of Christianity. Everything we believe in stands or falls with it. Even the Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:17-19, that if Jesus had not been raised from the dead, then our faith is empty, we are still in our sins, those who have died believing in Him are all perished. So important is Christ's resurrection in the whole of history that many scholars have debated over it. Volumes of books have been written about it. But till today, no one has ever been able to successfully disprove the resurrection of Christ.

A former chief justice of England by the name of Lord Darling, said this, *"In its favour as a living truth there exists such overwhelming evidence, positive and negative, factual and circumstantial, that no intelligent jury in the world could fail to bring in a verdict that the resurrection story is true."*



Let us study the facts and eyewitness accounts of the resurrection of Jesus:

I. Jesus Was Dead And Buried

There are some who claim that Jesus appeared to have resurrected when all that happened is that He had fainted on the cross and was resuscitated back to life in the tomb. Look up the following verses and list the people who knew that Jesus had died:

1. Mark 15:39.....

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2. Luke 23:48,49

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3. John 19:33,34.....

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His body was taken down from the cross, bound with linen wrappings and embalming spices and then laid in a new tomb that had been hewn out of rock.

A large stone was rolled against the tomb's entrance. At the request of the Jewish authorities, Pilate gave orders for the tomb to be securely sealed and guarded so that none of the disciples of Jesus would be able to get in and steal His body, and then claim that Jesus had resurrected.

II. Jesus Was Raised From The Dead

1. Read Matthew 28:2-4 and 11-15 and describe what happened, in your own words:

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2. Look up the following verses and list all the people who saw Jesus alive:

- a. John 20:14-18
- b. Luke 24:13-33
- c. John 20:26-31
- d. Luke 24:34
- e. John 20:19-20
- f. 1 Corinthians 15:6.....

Could all of them have been seeing a ghost? Why or why not?....

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3. Not surprisingly, the enemies of Jesus were silent and could not refute the fact that Jesus had risen from the dead, because of:
- a. The evidence of His empty tomb and grave clothes.
 - b. Their inability to produce the dead body of Jesus to prove that He was still dead.
 - c. The increasing number of eyewitnesses of the resurrected Jesus.
 - d. The new power and boldness seen in the formerly despondent disciples of Jesus.
4. Forty-eight days after He was resurrected, Jesus returned to His place of glory which He had in heaven from eternity. **God's love** was shown in the death of Jesus, **God's power** was shown in the resurrection of Jesus, and **God's glory** was shown in the ascension of Jesus.

"And now, O Father, glorify thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was." (John 17:5)

"And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight." (Acts 1:9)

III. The Importance Of The Resurrection of Jesus

Look up the following verses and fill in the blanks:

1. **1 Corinthians 15:54-57** - _____ is swallowed up in victory. . . . thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our _____.
2. **2 Corinthians 4:14** - He which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up _____ also by Jesus, and shall present _____ with you.
3. **Romans 6:5** - if we have been planted together in the _____ of His _____, we shall be also in the _____ of His _____.

IV. What is Jesus Doing Now?

Look up the following verses and fill in the blanks:

1. **John 14:2,3** - "In My Father's house are many _____ . . . I go to _____ for you."
2. **Romans 8:34** - "It is Christ . . . who also _____ for us."
3. **John 14:23** - "If a man love me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will _____ unto him, and _____ with him."

Assignment:

1. If you have filled in the blanks on this sheet, **submit it** so that you will receive **Study No.7 - "The Necessity of Salvation"**
2. Memorise this verse: "*For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, 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 15:3,4)

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