

The Resurrection

The only thing more important than the cross and Jesus' death is the good news of his resurrection!

In Luke 9:22 and Matthew 16:21, Jesus prophesied that he would be killed and then raised from the dead on the third day. Would you believe it if someone told you that today? Do you think they believed it back then? The Jewish leaders even had a guard posted at Jesus' tomb to prevent his followers from making this claim (Matthew 27:63-65). If Jesus is now unable to demonstrate power over his death, his credibility is in serious jeopardy.

Luke chapter 24 tells us all about the resurrection. The events initially unfold with fear and disbelief when the tomb is found empty, but ultimately this turns to belief and joy as Jesus eats in the apostles' presence and invites them to touch the wounds where his hands were nailed to the cross. Jesus' reappearance is not a figment of their imagination, but actually Jesus himself!

Read 1 Corinthians Chapter 15.

Verses 17-18: "And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost!"

The resurrection events not only confirm Jesus' credibility, but also give believers the assurance of life after death! Without the resurrection, Christ would have been defeated and our faith would mean nothing. We would have no assurance of forgiveness and our hope of eternal life would be lost, but Jesus rose from the dead and now lives and reigns for eternity, and through our faith we are promised life forever.

Hallelujah, Christ is risen, just as He said!

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The Significance of Easter



Mark 16:1-8

Jesus is who He said He was.

Matt 16:21

Matt 27:62-64

Jn 10:30

No situation is beyond God's power.

Ge 18:14

Jer 32:17

Mr 10:27

God's forgiveness is available to everyone.

2 Cor 5:21

1 John 1:9