

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Text: Mark 16:1-11

Introduction:

1. “By any measure, the resurrection of Jesus is the most radical of Christian doctrines” (Kenneth L. Woodward, *Newsweek*).
2. For centuries the accuracy of Biblical record of the bodily resurrection of Jesus has been **studied, debated, objected to and believed.**
3. **Mark 16:4-7 (9, 12, 14)** - The **empty tomb** and the **appearances** of the risen Christ are set forth in the New Testament as **the two strands of evidence** by which we are persuaded and in which we take comfort (**Acts 1:3**).

I. THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST:

- A. Was **Foretold** By The Old Testament Prophets.
 1. **Psalms 16:8-11** - Fulfilled (**Acts 2:25-32**).
 2. **Psalms 2:6-7** - Fulfilled **Acts 13:29-39** (**Isaiah 55:3**; *Psalms 16:10*).
 3. Such a teaching meant the Christ would **suffer and die** - something unthinkable in the Jewish mind - **Acts 17:2-3 (3:18)**; **Matthew 16:21-22**
- B. Was **Promised** By Jesus (**Matthew 27:63**) - **John 2:18-22**; **Matthew 16:21**; **John 11:25**.
- C. **Declared** The Deity Of Jesus - **Romans 1:3-4** (**John 10:30-36**).
Philippians 2:5-11 - *Knees bow, not to a dead man, but to the living Christ, our Lord!*

II. HIS RESURRECTION:

- A. **Defeated** Satan - **Genesis 3:15**; **Acts 2:23-24**.
 1. **Hebrews 2:14-16** - The devil, who had the power of death, was defeated by Christ’s death (and subsequent resurrection).
 2. **2 Timothy 1:10** - He abolished death (**John 11:25-26**).
- B. Is The **Foundation** Of The Gospel - **1 Corinthians 15:1-4**.
Without it, there is no “good news” - cf. Luke 24:17-24.
- C. Is The Basis For Our **Hope Of Resurrection** - **1 Corinthians 15:12-19**.
 1. *“The early Christians claimed that in the Risen Christ, the Glory of Yahweh was made manifest in a new and unexpected way. It revealed the dawn of a ‘new creation’—the church—and a new hope, that ‘in*

Christ' everyone could reliably expect his or her own resurrection from the dead."

2. **1 Corinthians 15:52-57** - Glorious expectation.

III. MONUMENTS TO THE RESURRECTION.

A. The **Lord's Supper** - **Matthew 26:26-29**.

1. Christ's promised participation with His disciples in the Supper implies His resurrection - without it, He could not do so!

2. **1 Corinthians 11:26** - Proclaim His death "*till he come*" (Can only "*come*" if He is now *alive!*).

B. The **First Day** Of The Week - **Acts 20:7**.

1. On it He was raised - **Mark 16:1-2, 9**.

2. On it His exaltation was announced - **Acts 2:32-33, 36**.

3. On it His disciples gather to worship Him - **Acts 20:7**.

C. **Water Baptism** - **Romans 6:1-6**.

1. **v. 4** - Die to sin, raised to new life.

2. **v. 5-6** - United with Christ in the likeness of His death and freed from the bondage of sin.

3. **Colossians 2:12** - To be baptized expresses a faith that God will raise you from your death in sin by the same power that raised Jesus from the dead!

4. How's your faith? Will you put it into action and be baptized?

Conclusion:

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ:

1. Was foretold by the Defeated Satan

2. prophets of the Old Testament

3. Was foretold by Jesus Christ Himself

4. Was witnessed by His Apostles and other witnesses

5. Is a promise of a coming great glorious day in which Christians will be resurrected from the grave and life forevermore with their Savior.

6. A belief that saves:

a. Is in the fact that God raised Jesus from the dead

b. And will lead to righteousness as we confess our faith and obey His commands – **Romans 10:9-10**