

Why Believe In The Resurrection?

Sunday Morning, April 24, 2011

Luke 24:1-11, 36-47

1. The resurrection was promised and fulfilled.

a. The Psalms promised the resurrection.

Psalms 2:7

I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Psalms 16:10-11

(10) For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

(11) Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalms 49:15

But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.

Psalms 86:13

For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

Psalms 110:1

The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

b. Isaiah promised the resurrection.

Isaiah 25:8

(8) He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

c. Jesus promised the resurrection.

Luke 24:6-8

(6) He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

(7) Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

(8) And they remembered his words,

d. The New Testament records the resurrection.

All four gospels testify. (Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20)

Acts claims many infallible proofs.

Acts 1:1-3

(1) The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

(2) Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

(3) 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:

2. The resurrection was witnessed and verified.

a. There was an empty tomb.

Luke 24:3

And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

b. There were eyewitnesses.

Luke 24:36-37

(36) And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

(37) But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

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c. There was unanimous living sacrifice from the disciples.

Acts 8:4

Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

d. There are lives changed down through history and even till now.

1 Peter 1:25

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Illustration: One Solitary Life

3. The resurrection is victorious and hopeful.

a. Jesus conquered death and proves life after death.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

(54) So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

(55) O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

(56) The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

(57) But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

b. Jesus will raise all the dead.

John 5:28-29

(28) Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

(29) And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

John 11:25

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

(14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

(15) For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

(16) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

(17) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

(18) Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

c. Jesus will give believers glorified bodies.

Philippians 3:20-21

(20) For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

(21) Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

d. Jesus will get believers into heaven.

John 14:2-3

(2) In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

(3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Romans 5:10

(10) For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Romans 10:9

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Conclusion: Your Son's Blood