

# Raised to Life, Death Defeated

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Resurrection of Jesus Christ; Easter / Mark 16:1–14

True Christian living is centred on the fact that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead so that believers may have victory over sin and death and receive the blessings of eternal life.

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## › INTRO

Everybody needs the resurrection.

Our faith needs the resurrection.

Consider the faith of Jesus' disciples before they fully realized the resurrection.

They were skeptics!

### **Mark 16:9–14 KJV 1900**

<sup>9</sup> Now when *Jesus* was risen early the first *day* of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. <sup>10</sup> *And* she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. <sup>11</sup> *And* they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

<sup>12</sup> After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. <sup>13</sup> *And* they went and told *it* unto the residue: neither believed they them.

<sup>14</sup> Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

### **John 20:24–25 KJV 1900**

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when *Jesus* came. <sup>25</sup> The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

### **Matthew 28:17 KJV 1900**

And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

Luke 24:36–41 KJV 1900

<sup>36</sup> And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you.

<sup>37</sup> But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

<sup>38</sup> And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

<sup>39</sup> Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

<sup>40</sup> And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them *his* hands and *his* feet.

<sup>41</sup> And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

It's okay to approach the resurrection as a skeptic, so long as you are an honest one!

If you are honest, you will find all the evidence points to Jesus raised to life!

#### › PROP

The resurrection is not a parable!

The resurrection is not a story!

The resurrection is not religion!

The resurrection is not a holiday!

The resurrection **is** Jesus raised to life!

#### › TRANS

Let's look at three perspectives of the resurrection to help us increase appreciation for Jesus raised to life.

## Assurances of the Resurrection

The resurrection was foretold

## In Scripture

**1 Corinthians 15:3–4 KJV 1900**

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:

## By Jesus Christ

**Matthew 16:21 KJV 1900**

From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

## The resurrection was preached

**Acts 4:33 KJV 1900**

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

## The resurrection was seen

**Acts 1:3 KJV 1900**

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:

## The resurrection is necessary

**1 Corinthians 15:17 KJV 1900**

And if Christ be not raised, your faith *is* vain; ye are yet in your sins.

# Declarations of the Resurrection

## Jesus' position declared

**Ephesians 1:19–20 KJV 1900**

And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,

## Jesus' sonship declared

**Romans 1:4 KJV 1900**

And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the

resurrection from the dead:

## Jesus' lordship declared

**Romans 14:9 KJV 1900**

For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

## Provisions of the Resurrection

### It won our salvation

**Romans 4:25 KJV 1900**

Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

### It assured our resurrection

**1 Corinthians 6:14 KJV 1900**

And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

### It defeated death

**Revelation 1:18 KJV 1900**

*I am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

### It raises our life

**2 Corinthians 5:15 KJV 1900**

And *that* he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

**Romans 6:4 KJV 1900**

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

## › CONCLUSION

Jesus defeated death.

Jesus is raised to life.

Stop living like there's no resurrection!

Stop living defeated by sin!

Jesus' resurrection will raise your life if you will let it!