

The Resurrection of Jesus

Lesson 3
If The Resurrection Is True Or
False, Then...

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The biblical testimony

Biblical testimony compared to man's theories

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God's transforming power in the resurrection and gospel

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Introduction

- If Jesus' resurrection is true, then His identity as the Son of God is confirmed
- Also, the Scriptures being the Word of God is confirmed
- Biblical testimony is based on eyewitness evidence confirmed by prophecies
- Testimony designed to lead any reasonable and humble individual to believe that Jesus died and was raised on the third day

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Introduction

- Whether the resurrection is true or false, there are implications for us to consider
- If there is no resurrection, then Christianity is a false religion, based on lies
- We consider the implications if the resurrection is false and then if true

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If There Is No Resurrection Then...

- Not unusual for people do deny resurrection from the dead – note Corinth
- If no resurrection, then negative consequences follow that affect our faith and hope of eternal life

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Denying Resurrection Not New

1Co 15:12 Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

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If No Resurrection Then

Christ was not raised

1Co 15:13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised;

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If No Resurrection Then

Preaching and faith vain

1Co 15:14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.

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If No Resurrection Then

Apostles are false witnesses against God

1Co 15:15 Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised.

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If No Resurrection Then

We are not forgiven of our sins

1Co 15:16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;
1Co 15:17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

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If No Resurrection Then

No hope of eternal life

1Co 15:18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

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If No Resurrection Then

Christian life is misery and unnecessary

1Co 15:19 If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.
1Co 15:32 If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, LET US EAT AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE DIE.

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If Christ Was Raised from The Dead Then...

- Thankfully, Christ has been raised from the dead
- Proven to any reasonable mind that would believe the eyewitness testimony confirmed by prophecy
- Since Christ has been raised, what does this mean to us today?

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Christ Has Been Raised From The Dead

1Co 15:20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.

Now, what are the implications for us and all?

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Jesus Is The Son of God

Joh 5:16 For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

Joh 5:17 But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working."

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Joh 5:18 For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

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Jesus Is The Son of God

Rom 1:1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

Rom 1:2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,

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Rom 1:3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,

Rom 1:4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,

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The Scriptures Are The Word of God

Luk 24:44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

Luk 24:45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

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The Scriptures Are The Word of God

Luk 24:46 and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day,

Luk 24:47 and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

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The Scriptures Are The Word of God

Luk 24:48 "You are witnesses of these things.

Luk 24:49 "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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The Scriptures Are The Word of God

Act 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

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The Scriptures Are The Word of God

Act 2:3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

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The Scriptures Are The Word of God

1Co 15:1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,

1Co 15:2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

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The Scriptures Are The Word of God

1Co 15:3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
1Co 15:4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

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Jesus Made Lord of Heaven And Earth

Act 2:29 "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Act 2:30 "And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT *one* OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE,

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Jesus Made Lord of Heaven And Earth

Act 2:31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.

Act 2:32 "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

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Jesus Made Lord of Heaven And Earth

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

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Since Christ Has Been Raised From The Dead Then

1. He is the Son of God
2. The Scriptures are the Word of God
3. He has been made Lord of Heaven and earth

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Jesus' Death Was For Forgiveness of Our Sins

Mat 26:28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

Mat 26:32 "But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

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Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Baptism Confirmed As Beginning of Christian Life

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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Baptism Confirmed As Beginning of Christian Life

Rom 6:5 For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection,

Rom 6:6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

Rom 6:7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

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Jesus Made Head of His One Church

Eph 1:20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,

Eph 1:21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

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Jesus Made Head of His One Church

Eph 1:22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church,

Eph 1:23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

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Purpose of Lord's Supper Confirmed

1Co 11:23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

1Co 11:24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

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Purpose of Lord's Supper Confirmed

1Co 11:25 In the same way *He took* the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

1Co 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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Jesus Has Been Made Our High Priest

Heb 10:11 Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins;

Heb 10:12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,

Heb 10:13 waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.

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Jesus Will Judge All On The Last Day

Act 17:30 "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all *people* everywhere should repent,

Act 17:31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

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Jesus Will Judge All On The Last Day

Joh 12:47 "If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

Joh 12:48 "He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

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Jesus Will Judge All On The Last Day

Rev 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

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Faithful Will Be Raised To Eternal Life

1Th 4:13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

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Faithful Will Be Raised To Eternal Life

1Th 4:15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

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1Th 4:17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

1Th 4:18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

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Faithful Will Be Raised To Eternal Life

1Co 15:35 But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?"

1Co 15:36 You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies;

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1Co 15:37 and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else.

1Co 15:38 But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own.

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Faithful Will Be Raised To Eternal Life

1Co 15:49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

1Co 15:50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

1Co 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,

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Faithful Will Be Raised To Eternal Life

1Co 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

1Co 15:53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

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Faithful Will Be Raised To Eternal Life

1Co 15:54 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.
1Co 15:55 "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"

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Faithful Will Be Raised To Eternal Life

1Co 15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;
1Co 15:57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord.

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