

Lesson 11 – The Resurrection of Christ

Key Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:13–14

“But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.”

Overview

Richard was witnessing to an unbeliever and telling him about Christ. The man was kind enough to listen to Richard and agreed that the world is a mess and in need of a Savior. As Richard was sharing the gospel, the man interrupted, “there’s just one thing I can’t get past. It’s just not possible that Jesus was resurrected from the dead.” He went on, “Dead people don’t come back to life . . . that is one thing I know for sure. Besides, why do I need to believe in that anyway?” How would you answer this man’s question? Does one need to believe in the resurrection in order to be saved? In this lesson we will study the truth and importance of the resurrection.

Resurrection in the Old Testament

1. Job 19:25–27. What did Job say he would see after his skin is destroyed? _____

2. Hebrews 11:17–19. What did Abraham believe God would do with Isaac? _____

3. Psalm 17:15. What does David say he will do after death? _____

4. Hosea 13:14; 1 Corinthians 15:54–55. What is Hosea pointing forward to? _____

5. Psalm 16:10; Acts 13:34–35. What is David pointing forward to in verse 10? _____

6. Isaiah 53:10. What does Isaiah say about the Messiah? _____

Resurrection Predicted in the New Testament

1. Mark 8:31. What did Jesus say would happen after three days? _____

2. Luke 18:31–33. What did Jesus tell the Twelve? _____
3. John 2:19–21. What did Jesus declare to the Jews? _____

Details of the Resurrected Christ

1. Matthew 28:1–10; Mark 16:1–8; Luke 24:1–12; John 20:1–10. What do all four Gospels give witness to? _____

2. John 11:43–44. What happened to Lazarus? _____
3. Acts 10:40–41. What did Peter say about Jesus after His resurrection? _____
4. Matthew 28:12–13. What does the lie of the elders prove? _____
5. Matthew 28:9. What did the women do when they saw Jesus? _____
6. Luke 24:41–43. What did Jesus do with His disciples? _____
7. John 20:27–28. What did Jesus invite Thomas to do? _____
8. 1 Corinthians 15:53. What did Jesus put on at His resurrection? _____
9. How is Lazarus' resurrection different from Jesus' resurrection? _____

Results of the Resurrection

1. Romans 1:4. What did the resurrection confirm about Christ? _____
2. Romans 4:25. What did the resurrection accomplish for us? _____
3. 1 Peter 1:3. What did the resurrection secure for God's elect? _____
4. 1 Corinthians 15:16–17. What does Christ's resurrection give us? _____

5. John 16:7. What does Christ's resurrection promise for believers? _____
6. Matthew 28:1. What day was Christ resurrected? _____
7. Acts 2:1. What day was the church started? _____
8. Philippians 3:8–11. What does the resurrection of Christ ensure for us? _____

“Without the resurrection of Christ, His sacrificial death fails to provide the ground for salvation from sin.”

—*Essential Christian Doctrine*, John MacArthur, gen. ed., pg. 177

The Ascension of Christ

1. Acts 1:3. When was the ascension of Christ? _____
 2. Luke 24:50–51. What happened at the ascension? _____
 3. Acts 2:32–33. What happened when Jesus got to heaven? _____

 4. Acts 1:11. What will happen in the future? _____
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“Christ’s life provides a pattern for ours. Just as His resurrection lets us know what will eventually happen to us, His ascension lets us know where we will eventually go.

And so we wait ‘with eager longing’ (Rom. 8:19) for Christ’s return.”

—Wayne Grudem, *Christian Beliefs*, pg. 78

Application

1. How would you answer this question, “Does one need to believe in the resurrection in order to be saved?”
2. In what ways does Christ’s resurrection give you hope?
3. What about Christ’s resurrection makes you long for your own resurrection?