



Why THE Resurrection Is Good News!

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THE RESURRECTION: A point in time when God will raise the dead back to life. For the righteous this will mean eternal life, as was originally intended for man. For the unrighteous not so much...

Facts about THE resurrection:

1. The belief in THE resurrection was ancient.

²Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ...

¹³“As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance.”

Daniel 12:2, 13 (NIV)

But God will redeem me from the realm of the dead; he will surely take me to himself.

Psalms 49:15 (NIV)

See also: Job 19:25-27 (NIV)

2. Jesus spoke of THE resurrection as a reality.

Jesus replied, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶ and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection. ³⁷ But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ ³⁸ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”

Luke 20:34-38 (NIV)

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Luke 14:13-14 (NIV)

See Also: John 5:21, 28-29 (NASB)

3. Jesus’ resurrection proved THE resurrection!

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1 Corinthians 15:12-19 (NIV)

4. If I’m not talking about the resurrection, I’m not sharing the gospel!

Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

Acts 1:21-22 (NIV)

*² They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the **resurrection** of the dead. ... ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the **resurrection** of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all*

Acts 4:2, 33 (NIV)

See Also:
Romans 10:9-10
2 Timothy 2:8
Acts 17:18-32
Acts 23:6
Acts 24:10-21
Hebrews 11:35
1 Peter 1:3