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Hope in Christ Church

John 20:1-29

The resurrection of Jesus is proof of the new life God offers the world.

The resurrection of Jesus proves;

1. the emptiness of the physical world. v1-10, 1 John 2:15-16, John 17:14-15
2. how He reveals Himself to the faithful. v11-18, 1 Corinthians 15:14, Romans 1:1-6
3. the commission rooted in our faith. v19-23, Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 10:39-43
4. His patience and love. v24- 29, Romans 6:5-6, John 11:25

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

In short, I didn't become a Christian because God promised I would have an even happier life than I had as an atheist. He never promised any such thing. Indeed, following him would inevitably bring divine demotions in the eyes of the world. Rather, I became a Christian because the evidence was so compelling that Jesus really is the one-and-only Son of God who proved his divinity by rising from the dead. That meant following him was the most rational and logical step I could possibly take.

~Lee Strobel~

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