



April 1, 2018

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Bible Classes: 9:30 am

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Bible Classes: 7 pm

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The Resurrection of the Christ



All that the Bible commands, asserts, and teaches rests on one foundational truth. Ultimately, the message of the prophets, the preaching of the apostles, the meaning of the parables, and the purpose of the miracles all point to the claim that "...*Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father...*" (*Romans 6:4*) The hope of all humanity hinges on the veracity of this claim. The fact of the resurrection of the Christ is the single most important consideration for the Christian and the non-Christian alike. If Christ was not raised from the dead then all that inheres in the term "Christian" is a farce. If Christ was not raised from the dead our worship and our assemblies are but mere exercises in futility. If Christ was not raised from the dead then humanity is without a Savior. To these considerations the apostle Paul poignantly observed, "... *if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.*" (*1 Cor 15:17*)

An objective examination of any event takes into consideration all the available evidence. It is an established principle of jurisprudence that judgment be withheld until all the available evidence has been submitted. "A treatise on the resurrection of Christ is incomplete unless it is considered in the light of historical evidence. The fact is that no historic incident is better supported by historical evidence than is the case of Christ's resurrection" (*Biblical Theology* Turner 274). Evidence of the resurrection of Christ Jesus is to be found in both the Bible and non-biblical sources.

It is here noted without apology or reservation that the Bible witness is always superior to, and more reliable than any other witness. The Bible witness is able to stand alone being complete in and of itself (*2 Tim 3:16*). God has not requested, does not desire, and does not need the corroboration of secular testimony to affirm that of which He Himself has borne witness. *1 Corinthians 2:4-5* "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." What relevance does this declaration of the apostle have upon the matter at hand? Consider the truths revealed by Paul's declaration. The power of the gospel does not reside in the eloquence of the messenger nor yet in the manner or method of his delivery. The power of the gospel resides in the message itself. Whence cometh the gospel? *Galatians 1:11* "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man." In so stating Paul declared that the gospel of Christ is a divine message. One of the core tenets of the gospel of Christ is the fact of His resurrection (*1 Corinthians 15:1-4*). Therefore, the fact of the resurrection is unquestionably established by the Bible's attestation to the fact.

In Him,
Ricky Cook

Order of Worship

Order of Worship		Leaders	Location	Time
<p>8:00 AM:</p> <p><i>Song Leader: Carl Wamble</i></p> <p>S-82 Let Us Worship</p> <p><i>Call to Worship: Michael Wilkins</i></p> <p>77 Glorify Thy Name S-45 How Deep the Father's Love</p> <p><i>Assistant 1: Bob Ozomah</i> <i>Giving: Eric Gilbey</i> <i>Bread: Paul Wharton</i> <i>Fruit of the Vine: DuBois Murphy</i> <i>Assistant 2: Steve Jones</i> <i>Assistant 3: Bryson Gilbey</i></p> <p>S-68 You Raise Me Up</p> <p><i>Scripture Reading: Heb. 10:15-25</i> <i>Paul Brosey</i></p> <p>23 Our God, He is Alive</p> <p><i>Sermon: Ricky Cook</i></p> <p>501 Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet</p> <p><i>Prayer Requests/Announcements</i></p> <p>— Smile a While</p> <p><i>Closing Prayer: Calvin Mitchell</i></p> <p><i>Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise, and the Supplement.</i></p>	<p>10:30 AM:</p> <p><i>Song Leader: Calvin Hunt</i></p> <p>296 We Have Come into His House 860 There is a Habitation</p> <p><i>Call to Worship: Alan Bobo</i></p> <p>3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah 494 O Happy Day — Mighty to Save</p> <p><i>Assistant 1: Ross Thian</i> <i>Assistant 2: Leroy Bell</i> <i>Giving: Chris Forand</i> <i>Bread: Del Meadows</i> <i>Fruit of the Vine: Mark Williamson</i> <i>Assistant 3: Jason Kane</i> <i>Assistant 4: Dakota Dellinger</i> <i>Assistant 5: Jason Tate</i></p> <p>S-52 One Thing I Ask</p> <p><i>Scripture Reading: Heb. 10:15-25</i> <i>Byron Vaughan</i></p> <p>— Shield About Me</p> <p><i>Sermon: Ricky Cook</i></p> <p>291 The Great Physician</p> <p><i>Prayer Requests/Announcements</i></p> <p>985 When Morning Comes</p> <p><i>Closing Prayer: AJ Johnson</i></p> <p><i>Our songs today are from Praise for the Lord and the Supplement.</i></p>	<p><i>Brandon Porter, Jason Kane & Chuck Morris</i></p> <p><i>Del Meadows & Joe Ford</i></p> <p><i>Farin Crone</i></p> <p><i>Bren White & Allen Pratt</i></p> <p><i>Ricky Cook</i></p> <p><i>Paul Wharton (No Kids)</i></p> <p><i>Steve Brosey & Marty Findley</i></p> <p><i>Teens</i></p> <p><i>Brent Smith & Jack Birus (No Kids)</i></p> <p><i>Ben Anglin & Jonathan Anglin</i></p> <p><i>Calvin Mitchell, John Jones & A.J. Johnson</i></p>	<p>Not Meeting Today</p> <p>Meadows 9735 Peace Springs Ridge Laurel, 20723</p> <p>Church Building</p> <p>Panera Bread Laurel Town Center</p> <p>Not Meeting Today</p> <p>Church Building</p> <p>Findley 14056 Vista Drive #57C Laurel 20707</p> <p>Not Meeting Today</p> <p>Not Meeting Today</p> <p>Not Meeting Today</p> <p>Not Meeting Today</p> <p>Jones 3501 Lottsford Vista Rd. Bowie, 20721</p>	<p></p> <p>1:30 PM</p> <p>6 PM</p> <p>1 PM</p> <p></p> <p>4 PM</p> <p>11:30 AM</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>3 PM</p>
<p>Others Serving this morning:</p> <p>Ushers: (1) Rowan Crone, (2) Jonathan Anglin</p>	<p>Others Serving this morning:</p> <p>Ushers: (1) Charles Pratt, (2) Jeff Ray</p>			
 <p><i>Where Faith Meets Life!</i></p>	<p>Wednesday, April 4th</p>			
	<p>Devotional Jody Venkatesan</p>			
	<p>Singing Brent Smith</p>			
	<p>Closing Prayer: DuBois Murphy</p>			
	<p> <i>Please remember to turn off, mute or set to vibrate all cell phones and electronic devices during services.</i></p>			