

# WHAT DOES THE RESURRECTION PROVE?

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## TODAY'S BIG QUESTIONS:

- HOW DO WE KNOW THE RESURRECTION HAPPENED?
- WHAT DOES THE RESURRECTION PROVE?

**Matthew 28:1-10 (NLT)** (1) Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. (2) Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. (3) His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. (4) The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. (5) Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. (6) He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. (7) And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you." (8) The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. (9) And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. (10) Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

## SIX TRUTHS ABOUT THE RESURRECTION:

1) **The empty tomb is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Matthew 28:11-13 (NLT)** (11) As the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and told the leading priests what had happened. (12) A meeting with the elders was called, and they decided to give the soldiers a large bribe. (13) They told the soldiers, "You must say, 'Jesus' disciples came during the night while we were sleeping, and they stole his body.'"

2) **Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ following His resurrection.**

**1 Corinthians 15:3-6 (NLT)** (3) I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. (4) He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. (5) He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. (6) After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.

3) **The disciples were so \_\_\_\_\_ that they were willing to die for it.**

**THE DISCIPLES WERE NOT DYING FOR SOMETHING SOMEONE ELSE TOLD THEM. THEY WERE DYING FOR SOMETHING THEY CLAIMED TO HAVE PERSONALLY WITNESSED WITH THEIR OWN EYES.**

4) Two of \_\_\_\_\_ became outspoken followers after seeing the resurrected Jesus.

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5) The resurrection of Jesus proves He is \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 2:19 (NLT)** (19) "All right," Jesus replied. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

**John 11:25 (NLT)** (25) Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.

**John 14:6 (NLT)** (6) Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

**John 8:58 (NLT)** (58) Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM!"

**Romans 1:4 (NLT)** (4) and **he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit.** He is Jesus Christ our Lord.

**THE RESURRECTION WAS A DECLARATION THAT JESUS IS GOD AND EVERY CLAIM JESUS MADE ABOUT HIMSELF WAS TRUE.**

6) Jesus' resurrection give us \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus made.

### Three Promises:

**PROMISE 1: Our \_\_\_\_\_ and our relationship with God is fully restored.**

**Romans 4:25 (NLT)** (25) He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.

**PROMISE 2: We have access to \_\_\_\_\_ for our hardest moments.**

**Romans 8:11 (NLT)** (11) The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

**PROMISE 3: \_\_\_\_\_ for those who belong to Jesus.**

**John 11:25–26 (NLT)** (25) Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. (26) Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?"

**Revelation 21:3–4 (NLT)** (3) I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. (4) He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

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