

## The Messiah is Risen! 2017-04-16

### 1 Cor 15:17-26

*And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.*

*20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.*

*23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.*

*25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

He is Risen! The Messiah is risen!

The resurrection is proof that Jesus Christ is the Messiah & guarantees all God's promises for the future will be fulfilled.

- 4,097 years before Jesus Christ was born, God proclaimed & foreshadowed His redemptive plan with the first prophecy in the Bible....also first preaching of the gospel. Gen 3:15, 21
  - Perhaps the first suggestion of sacrifice for sin.(Gen 3:21)
- Jesus Christ fulfilled over 300 specific Old Testament Messianic prophecies, and His life, death, and resurrection is reflected in numerous Biblical typologies; Abraham offering Isaac. Gen 22
  - Isaac bore wood for burnt offering/Jesus Christ bore His cross.
  - Abraham builds altar, binds son, provides instruments of death (knife, fire)
  - Ram for Isaac symbolizes God's provision of Jesus Christ as our substitute.
  - Resurrection: figuratively received Isaac back from dead after 3 days

Often overlooked evidence: feasts/festivals...both commemorative & prophetic.

- Jesus Christ's death/resurrection fulfilled on the very day/hour of lunar calendar of all three Jewish spring feasts. Crucifixion/Passover, in grave/1<sup>st</sup> day of Unleavened Bread Festival, resurrection/Firstfruits.
  - Lev 23:5-6, 10-14, 1 Cor. 15:20-23, Col 1:18

Festival of 1<sup>st</sup> Fruits instituted when Israelites entered Promised land & ate first fruits of it.

- 1 sheaf (typify person/persons in Gen 37:5-11) of first, best from grain harvest offered/WAVED to Lord at temple in early morning!
  - In thanks for crop not yet received & trust in God's future faithfulness.
- God foreshadowed resurrection with other events on this calendar day.
  - 2500 years before resurrection, ark rested on Mt. Ararat. Gen 8:4
  - Israel crossed Red Sea after deliverance from Egypt. Ex 14

- God used Esther to save Hebrews from extermination. Est 3:1-6

These are not the means but affirmation that the Lord had delivered them from judgment...like resurrection.

- Resurrection does not add anything to Jesus Christ's predetermined sacrifice on the cross to ransom, redeem sinners. 1 Pet 3:18a, Rom 4:22-5:1, Is 53:5-6, Mk 10:45, 2 Thes 2:13
  - Jesus Christ lovingly, willingly did for us on the cross what we could never do for ourselves—pay penalty/punishment that our sin deserved.
    - Resurrection is God's proclamation: Jesus Christ's substitutionary sacrifice/death accepted as payment for Christian's sin, our debt Paid In Full, guilt removed.
      - No resurrection = no saving value in death.....Jesus Christ not Savior.

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- We can have peace/new relationship with God, power over sin/temptation, hope & joy in the present life. 1 Cor 15:17-20, Lk 24:46-49, Rom 6:14
- Eternity with new/perfect resurrection body like Jesus Christ's in a paradise with no sin/suffering. 1 Pet 1:3-4, Phil 3:20-21, Jn 14:2-3, Rev 21:4
- Jesus Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> coming. If He did not rise, He is not coming back. Acts 1:10-11, 17:31, 1 Cor 2:9

- Tomb not opened to let Jesus Christ out but to let others in! Gospel

Resurrection definitively declares that Jesus is the Messiah, Savior.

- Resurrection is God's guarantee that He will fulfill His greatest yet unfulfilled promise: culmination/pinnacle of all history will be Jesus Christ's eternal reign.
  - And all who by God's grace were saved will reign with Him forever.