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What is the Resurrection?

Lesson 8: Speaking of God

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If Jesus work of salvation for us had ended with his life and death, our faith is in vain (1 Cor. 15:14-19).

Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven a victorious, conquering king.

The Resurrection in the New Testament

The resurrection is a fact (Matthew 28:6; John 21:14; Acts 2:24,32; 1 Cor. 15:4) .

All four gospels contain accounts of Jesus' resurrection (Matt. 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-53; John 20:1-21:25).

Throughout the book of Acts, the apostles continually speak of Jesus' resurrection, with Christ alive and reigning in heaven.

The rest of the New Testament depends entirely on the assumption that Jesus is a living, reigning Savior who is the head of the newly formed church.

Details of the resurrection

When Jesus rose from the dead, he began a new kind of human life in which he had a perfect body that was no longer subject to weakness, aging, death, or decay.

When Jesus rose from the dead, he had a body that would live eternally (1 Cor. 15:53).



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Jesus' new body was a physical body (Matthew 28:9; Luke 24:30,39; John 20:27; Acts 10:41).

Results of the Resurrection

In the resurrection, Christ earned for us a new future life that is like his own (1 Peter 1:3).

Although our bodies are not yet like his new body, our souls have already been made alive with new resurrection power.

This resurrection power helps us live the lives we were made to live (Acts 1:8; Romans 6:11,14).

Jesus' resurrection ensures our right standing before God (Romans 4:25; Heb. 1:3).

Jesus' resurrection means we will also experience a resurrection of our own (1 Cor. 6:14; 2 Cor. 4:14).

In Jesus' resurrection we see a picture of what is to come for us (1 Cor. 15:20,51,53).

Jesus' Ascension

When Jesus left the earth, he left for a specific place: heaven (Luke 24:50-51; Acts 1:3).

Once in heaven, Jesus was "exalted at the right hand of God" (Acts 2:33; 1 Cor. 15:25; Phil. 2:9; Rev. 5:12).

Christ's life provides a pattern for ours (Colossians 3:1-4).

Christ's ascension lets us know where we will eventually go (Romans 8:19).