

# CELEBRATE EASTER

## THE RESURRECTION: FOOLISH, FAKE NEWS, OR FACT? SELECTED SCRIPTURES

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**Introduction:** Today we are bombarded hourly with so much news from so many sources that it is often difficult to separate reality from fiction. But today we are going to discover why we can believe that Jesus' resurrection from the dead is a historical fact that has eternal implications for all of us.

### I. The Prophecy Of The Resurrection (Psalm 16:10; John 2:19-21)

Psalm 16:10 "For Thou wilt not abandon my soul to Sheol; neither wilt Thou allow Thy Holy One to undergo decay."

John 2:19-21 <sup>19</sup> "Jesus answered and said to them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' <sup>20</sup> The Jews therefore said, 'It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?' <sup>21</sup> But He was speaking of the temple of His body."

Matthew 12:38-40 <sup>38</sup> "Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered Him, saying, 'Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.' <sup>39</sup> But He answered and said to them, 'An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign shall be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; <sup>40</sup> for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.'"

Matthew 16:21-23 <sup>21</sup> "From that time Jesus Christ began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to you.' <sup>23</sup> But He turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's.'"

### II. The Proof Of The Resurrection

#### A. The Proof of \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 27:62-66 <sup>62</sup> “Now on the next day, which is the one after the preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate, <sup>63</sup> and said, ‘Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, “After three days I am to rise again.” <sup>64</sup> Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, lest the disciples come and steal him away and say to the people, “He has risen from the dead,” and the last deception will be worse than the first.’ <sup>65</sup> Pilate said to them, ‘You have a guard; go, make it as secure as you know how.’ <sup>66</sup> And they went and made the grave secure, and along with the guard they set a seal on the stone.”

Matthew 28:11-15 <sup>11</sup> “Now while they were on their way, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened. <sup>12</sup> And when they had assembled with the elders and counseled together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, <sup>13</sup> and said, ‘You are to say, His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep. <sup>14</sup> And if this should come to the governor’s ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble.’ <sup>15</sup> And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, and is to this day.”

Matthew 27:64 “Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, lest the disciples come and steal Him away and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead’ and the last deception will be worse than the first.”

**B. The Proof of Human \_\_\_\_\_**

Acts 5:27-33 <sup>27</sup> “And when they [captain and guards] had brought them [apostles], they stood them before the Council. And the high priest questioned them <sup>28</sup> saying, ‘We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.’ <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered and said, ‘We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross. <sup>31</sup> He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.’ <sup>33</sup> But when they heard this, they were cut to the quick and were intending to slay them.”

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**III. The Purpose Of The Resurrection**

**A. The Resurrection Assures Us of Our \_\_\_\_\_ by God**  
(Romans 4:25; Romans 1:4)

Romans 4:25 “He who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.”

1 Corinthians 15:17 “and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless and you are still in your sins.”

Romans 1:4 “who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,”

**B. The Resurrection Ensures Our Future \_\_\_\_\_ by God**  
(1 Corinthians 15:20-23)

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 <sup>20</sup> “But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order; Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ’s at His coming.”

John 1:12 “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.”

Conclusion