

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

Of all the events associated with the life of Jesus Christ, His resurrection has had the most profound impact on human history. The words that the angels declared at His empty tomb have continued to impact human history even to this day – ***“HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE HAS RISEN.”***

This lesson will study five ways the Resurrection of Jesus Christ has impacted human history, Even to this day.

1. The resurrection of Jesus Christ fulfilled the prediction of a three-day burial and then the resurrection in the teaching of Jesus (Matt.12:38-40; 16:21-23; 17:22-23; 20:17-19; 26:12-13, 31-32; 27:62-64 and John 2:19-19-21; Acts 2:27--32; Psa.16:8-11 and 132:11).

Jesus taught that His three-day burial and resurrection would be the greatest sign to both the nation of Israel and the world that He was the messianic Savior of the world.

“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; 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.”(Matt.12:39-40)

In 30AD, the Jewish Passover was held on Wednesday (Nisan 14) which was the day of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Jesus was buried for three days (Thursday / Nisan 15 / high Sabbath; Friday / Nisan 16, and Saturday / Nisan 17 / weekly Sabbath).

Jesus was raised from the dead on Nisan 18 (first day after the weekly sabbath of Unleavened Bread/ our Sunday) called the feast of Firstfruits (Lev.23; 1 Cor.15:20-23; Col.1:18).

2. During the three days of burial, God assigned angels to guard Jesus’ body in the tomb.

These angels had three primary responsibilities. First, they were responsible to guard His body (Jude 9; Matt.27:64; 28:4-7; Acts 2:23-24). Second, they were responsible to roll the tomb stone away to let the world witness an empty tomb (Matt.28:2-4). Third, they were responsible to give the first sunrise sermon. (Matt.28:5-7).

A second earthquake occurred at the time of the angels rolling away the stone of the tomb of Jesus ((Matt.28:2/ Nisan 18). This is the second earthquake in four days. The first earthquake occurred at the moment Jesus died on the cross and veil of temple destroyed (READ - Matt.27:51-54 / Nisan 14).

3. The resurrection of Jesus Christ established the historical gospel of grace salvation of the NT (1 Cor.15:3-4).

The gospel of Christ was changed from prophetic to historical because of His death, burial, and resurrection (Gal.3:8; Rom.1:1-4,16). It required all three to fulfill messianic prophecy of the OT (Luke 24:44-49).

4. The resurrection of Jesus Christ established the advent of the Holy Spirit and the church age.

Fifty days from the feast of Firstfruits (resurrection of Jesus) was the feast of Pentecost (Acts 2). Christianity has always declared that Pentecost was the birth of the Church in the world because of the prophetic fulfillment of the advent of the Holy Spirit (John 7:38-39; John 14-17; Matt.3:11-12).

Because Firstfruits occurred on a Sunday (resurrection of Jesus) and Pentecost (church age) occurred on a Sunday, Christianity treats this day of the week as special (1 Cor.16:2). However everyday of every week is special in the Lord because we live in the power of Jesus' resurrection. *"That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead."* (Phil.3:10-11)

5. The resurrection of Jesus Christ changed the eschatological order of the resurrection (1 Cor.15:20-23) "But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming." (15:23)

OT eschatology was associated with the prophetic First Advent of Jesus Christ ("your brother").

NT eschatology is associated with the prophetic Second Advent of Jesus Christ ("I am the resurrection and the Life" (John 11:23-24) (Acts 2:29-36).

In the Old Testament, when a believer died, he went down to Paradise or Abraham's bosom (Luke 16:19-31; 23:43).

In New Testament, when a believer dies, he goes up to heaven to be with Jesus (2 Cor.5:6-9).

**"But God raised Him from the dead, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him."
(Acts 2:24)**

"When they had carried out all that was written about Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead, and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now His witnesses to our people. We tell you the good news: what God promised our fathers He has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus." (Acts 13:29-33)