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Physical, Bodily Resurrection: So What?

The Significance of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

1. The Resurrection fulfilled prophecy:

Psa. 2:7, "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.' "

Acts 13:30–34, "But God raised Him from the dead. He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.' And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: 'I will give you the sure mercies of David.' "

Psa. 16:9, "Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope.

Psa. 16:10, "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."

Acts 2:31, "He, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption."

Matt. 12:40, "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

Matt. 16:4, "'A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.' And He left them and departed." Matt. 16:21, "From that time Jesus began to show to 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 the third day." [Mark 8:31]

Matt. 17:23, " 'and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.' And they were exceedingly sorrowful." Mark 9:9, "Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Mark 9:10, "So they kept this word to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant." Matt. 20:18, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death,

Matt. 20:19, "and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again." 2. If the resurrection did not occur, then the apostles are frauds and liars; and all of them would have given their lives for what they knew to be a lie.

Therefore, we either reject the New Testament as a total hoax and lie based on history's greatest deception

OR

we must accept it in its entirety as a trustworthy document that is exactly what it claims to be: the revelation of God.

3. The resurrection of Christ shows that the penalty had been paid, death vanquished.

Acts 3:15, "and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses."

4. Miracle of resurrection – one of several miracles associated with the Messiah as identifiers according to rabbinical thought.

Sight to the blind, healing leprosy, and raising the dead.

5. The last and final of the 8 signs of John.

- 1. Changing water into wine: John 2:1–11
- 2. Healing the royal official's son in Capernaum: John 4:46–54
- 3. Healing the paralytic at Bethesda: John 5:1–18
- 4. Feeding the 5,000: John 6:5–14
- 5. Jesus' walking on the water: John 6:16–24
- 6. Healing the man blind from birth: John 9:1–7
- 7. Raising Lazarus from the dead: John 11:1–45
- 8. Jesus' own resurrection from the dead.

John 20:30, "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

John 20:31, "but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." 6. To show God's validation of Jesus' payment of the sin penalty.

Rom. 1:4, "and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." 7. Elevation to the throne.

Eph. 1:20, "which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,"

8. On account of our justification.

Rom. 4:25, "who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification."

9. Without the physical, bodily resurrection, there is no salvation for sin.

1 Cor. 15:17, "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins."

10. Christ's death, paid the penalty for sin.

Christ's *resurrection* provides the basis for the Christian life.

Col. 2:12, "buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead."

Col. 3:1, "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God." Rom. 6:4, "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Rom. 6:5, "For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection," 2 Cor. 13:4, "For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you."

Rom. 8:11, "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."