

## Foundational Truths

### *Part 4 – The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead*

#### **Introduction:**

##### A. Saul of Tarsus

1. Diligently tried to silence all Christians by j\_\_\_\_\_ them.
2. Disappeared for \_\_\_\_\_ years (Gal 1:18)
3. Began proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus and was persecuted severely (e.g. 5 times he received \_\_\_\_\_ lashes) – 2Cor 11:23-25.
4. Was b\_\_\_\_\_ for proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus from the dead (1Clement 5:5-7)

##### B. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is foundational to the Christian faith.

1. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, we would still be in our s\_\_\_\_\_ (1Cor 15:17-19)
2. Today we are going to learn three important points about the resurrection of Jesus from the dead

The resurrection is foundational to the Christian faith. It is a non-negotiable truth. There are three points that I would like to make about the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

#### **His Resurrection is historical**

##### A. Historians claim that the d\_\_\_\_\_ of Julius Caesar is the most documented even in ancient history (occurred March 15, 44 BC).

1. How many accounts written by eye-witnesses exist? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many accounts of eye-witness testimony exist? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many second-hand sources exist? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many copies of the above exist? \_\_\_\_\_ copies
5. What is the earliest dated copy? \_\_\_\_\_ AD
6. What archeological evidence exists?
  - a. Minted c\_\_\_\_\_ by Brutus to commemorate it
  - b. Site m\_\_\_\_\_ placed by Augustus, the succeeding emperor.

##### B. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is heavily documented.

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  - 1) The S\_\_\_\_\_ of Turin (debated)
  - 2) The H\_\_\_\_\_ Sepulchre (debated)

- C. The reliability of the witnesses of the resurrection.
  - 1. Many willingly d\_\_\_\_\_ proclaiming the resurrection
  - 2. Non-Christian historians record the resurrection as a central belief and record nothing to try to discredit claims.
- D. Conclusion – the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is better documented than the death of Julius Caesar and is therefore h\_\_\_\_\_

**His Resurrection is theological**

- A. What was the nature of Jesus’ resurrection?
  - 1. It was a p\_\_\_\_\_ (bodily) resurrection (Rev 1:17,18; Lk 24:36-40).
  - 2. It was a p\_\_\_\_\_ resurrection (Rev 1:18; Rom 6:9)
  - 3. It conquered the p\_\_\_\_\_ of sin (Rom 6:9)
- B. What was the process of His resurrection?
  - 1. On the cross, Jesus’ human spirit d\_\_\_\_\_ as He bore mankind’s sins (2Cor 5:21; Mk 13:34)
  - 2. As soon as Jesus died physically, His human spirit was made a\_\_\_\_\_ (1Pet 3:18)
    - a. His human spirit went to Hades and He made a proclamation to the spirits of unbelievers, specifically those who died in the f\_\_\_\_\_
    - b. He was there for about \_\_\_\_\_ days.
  - 3. Jesus’ human spirit rejoined with His buried b\_\_\_\_\_
    - a. He miraculously emerged through the l\_\_\_\_\_ wrappings (see Jn 20:6,7 – the wrappings were neatly left).
    - b. The stone was rolled away by an angel, not for Jesus’ benefit, but so that all could see that the tomb was e\_\_\_\_\_.
    - c. His body retained all the w\_\_\_\_\_ of the crucifixion.
  - 4. Jesus died spiritually and physically for us believers so that they live spiritually and physically forever.
- C. How it works in the lives of believers
  - 1. Immediately upon accepting Christ, you are permanently made a\_\_\_\_\_ spiritually (eternal life cannot be temporary).
  - 2. Our physical death is t\_\_\_\_\_
    - a. At the last trumpet Jesus will give us immortal b\_\_\_\_\_, reversing death permanently (1Cor 15:51-54)
- D. The resurrection tells us
  - 1. Jesus must be who He claimed to be – the only S\_\_\_\_\_, God in the flesh.

2. Jesus must have accomplished what He came to do – pay for the s\_\_\_\_\_ of believers and give us a good and right relationship with God.
3. Believers live spiritually forever and will eventually live physically forever.

### **His Resurrection is practical**

- A. Jesus resurrection provides the p\_\_\_\_\_ to live in a new way (His way) – Rom 6:4
  1. Those who think that since our sins are paid for, we can c\_\_\_\_\_ in sin, contradict Rom 6:1,2.
  2. Sin is no longer to be m\_\_\_\_\_ over us (Rom 6:14).
- B. The new way
  1. To LOVE God with all your h\_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 22:37)
  2. To LOVE those around you as y\_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 22:39)
  3. To LOVE one another as \_\_\_\_\_ loved us (Jn 13:34,35)
- C. The action word love (agapao)
  1. An u\_\_\_\_\_ act
  2. Serves the g\_\_\_\_\_ of another
  3. The act is done regardless where one f\_\_\_\_\_ like doing it or not.
- D. How will you live in the new way?
  1. Beware of focusing so much on your r\_\_\_\_\_ that you tune God and others out.
  2. In your routine, focus others i\_\_\_\_\_
    - a. Praise and thank God; dedicate yourself to be used by Him to l\_\_\_\_\_ others.
    - b. Focus on unselfish acts to those around you.
      - 1) Unbelievers
      - 2) Believers