BIBLE TOPICS · NEW TESTAMENT

The Resurrection of Jesus

He Is Risen, as He Said · Matthew 28:6

When	The tomb	Witnesses	Seen
The third day	Empty	Above five hundred	Forty days

INFALLIBLE PROOFS

The Evidence for the Resurrection

The apostles did not ask anyone to believe a legend. They pointed to an empty tomb and to hundreds of living witnesses.

1

A Guarded, Sealed Tomb

Soldiers watched a sealed stone.

"So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch."

MATTHEW 27:66

2

The Empty Grave

Even His enemies admitted the body was gone.

"Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole Him away while we slept."

MATTHEW 28:13

3

The Grave Clothes

Left in order, not torn off by thieves.

"And the napkin, that was about His head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself."

JOHN 20:7

4

Many Witnesses

Seen by groups, at once, many times.

"After that, He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once"

1 CORINTHIANS 15:6

5

Changed Disciples

Frightened men became bold preachers.

"For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

ACTS 4:20

6

Many Infallible Proofs

Forty days of appearances.

"by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days"

ACTS 1:3

KEY VERSE

"He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

Matthew 28:6 (KJV)

The Appearances of the Risen Christ

MATTHEW 28 · LUKE 24 · JOHN 20–21 · 1 CORINTHIANS 15

He Is Risen

The appearances of the risen Christ

Twelve appearances in order · King James Version

Resurrection Day

1 Mary Magdalene
At the tomb: Rabboni
JOHN 20:11–18

2 The Other Women
They held Him by the feet
MATTHEW 28:9–10

3 Simon Peter
Hath appeared to Simon
LUKE 24:34

4 Two on the Emmaus Road
Known in breaking of bread
LUKE 24:13–35

5 The Disciples, Thomas Absent
Peace be unto you
JOHN 20:19–23

The Forty Days

6 The Eleven, with Thomas
My Lord and my God
JOHN 20:26–29

7 Seven by the Sea of Tiberias
Feed My sheep
JOHN 21:1–23

8 The Eleven in Galilee
Go ye therefore, and teach
MATTHEW 28:16–20

9 Above Five Hundred Brethren
Seen at once
1 CORINTHIANS 15:6

10 James
The Lord's brother
1 CORINTHIANS 15:7

The Ascension and After

11 The Apostles at Bethany
Taken up into heaven
LUKE 24:50–51; ACTS 1:9

12 Saul on the Damascus Road
Last of all, seen of me also
ACTS 9:3–6

KEY VERSE

"But now is Christ risen from the dead,
and become the firstfruits of them that slept."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20 (KJV)

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He Said He Would Rise

AS HE SAID

He Said He Would Rise

The resurrection was no surprise to God. The Scriptures and Jesus Himself said it would happen.

THE PSALMS

No Corruption

Quoted by Peter at Pentecost (Acts 2:27).

"neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption."

PSALM 16:10

ISAIAH

He Shall See His Seed

Alive again after His offering for sin.

"when Thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days"

ISAIAH 53:10

THE SIGN OF JONAS

Three Days

The sign He gave His enemies.

"so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

MATTHEW 12:40

THE TEMPLE

In Three Days

He spoke of His body.

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

JOHN 2:19

HIS OWN POWER

To Take It Again

No man took His life from Him.

"I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again."

JOHN 10:18

THE THIRD DAY

Raised Again

He told them more than once.

"and be killed, and be raised again the third day."

MATTHEW 16:21

Why the Resurrection Matters

1 CORINTHIANS 15

Why the Resurrection Matters

Paul says the whole Christian faith stands or falls on the empty tomb.

OUR FAITH

Not in Vain

If Christ is not raised, faith is empty.

"And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:14

OUR SINS

Forgiven

God accepted His sacrifice.

"Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification."

ROMANS 4:25

OUR SALVATION

Believe in Thine Heart

The resurrection is part of saving faith.

"and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

ROMANS 10:9

OUR SAVIOUR

He Ever Liveth

A living Saviour who prays for us.

"seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

HEBREWS 7:25

OUR HOPE

A Lively Hope

New birth to a living hope.

"hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"

1 PETER 1:3

THE JUDGMENT

Assurance unto All Men

The risen Christ will judge the world.

"whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead."

ACTS 17:31

> *"Because I live, ye shall live also."*
>
> John 14:19 (KJV)

Our Resurrection Hope and Key Themes

FOR TODAY

Our Resurrection Hope

Because Jesus rose, every believer will rise too. His empty tomb is the promise of ours.

1

New Life Now

Raised to walk in newness of life.

"even so we also should walk in newness of life."

ROMANS 6:4

2

The Dead in Christ

They will rise first when He comes.

"and the dead in Christ shall rise first"

1 THESSALONIANS 4:16

3

Caught Up

Living believers changed and taken up.

"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air"

1 THESSALONIANS 4:17

4

A Glorious Body

Made like His risen body.

"that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body"

PHILIPPIANS 3:21

5

Death Swallowed Up

No more sting, no more grave.

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

1 CORINTHIANS 15:55

6

Give Thanks

The victory is His gift to us.

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:57

KEY THEMES

Six Truths of the Resurrection

The empty tomb changes everything. These truths run through every account of Easter morning.

1

He Kept His Word

He said He would rise the third day.

"He is not here: for He is risen, as He said."

MATTHEW 28:6

2

A Real Body

Not a spirit, but flesh and bones.

"handle Me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have."

LUKE 24:39

3

The Son of God

Declared with power.

"And declared to be the Son of God with power"

ROMANS 1:4

4

Sin Is Paid For

Raised for our justification.

"Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification."

ROMANS 4:25

5

Death Is Defeated

He holds the keys.

"and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

REVELATION 1:18

6

We Will Rise Too

He is the firstfruits.

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20