

Lesson 11 Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Our Lord's resurrection is His vindication, the declaration that He indeed was perfectly righteous and was therefore a suitable offering to turn away the wrath of God and the firm basis upon which we can be declared just before the Father. If Jesus had stayed dead, it would have proven that death had a rightful claim over Him, and since death has a rightful claim only over sinners, Jesus' remaining dead would have meant that He was a sinner and not our Redeemer.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central proclamation and basic essence of the Christian faith.

Matthew 28:18 | Jesus Christ is supreme over all created things

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them [after His resurrection], saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

Acts 17:31 | Future judgment is assured

³¹ Because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.

Romans 1:4 | Jesus Christ is the Son of God

⁴ And declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

Romans 4:25 | Believers are justified

²⁵ Who was delivered up because of our offenses and was raised because of our justification.

Romans 6:9 | Death is defeated

⁹ Knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

The spiritual resurrection of the believers in Jesus Christ is assured:

Galatians 2:20

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

- Because Christ died physically and later arose, believers experience a spiritual resurrection when they come to Christ.

Colossians 2:13

¹³ And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses.

- The single greatest event, not just in Christian history, but in all of humanity was the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The core of our faith is placed in this one event, that Jesus rose from the dead.