

“THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST” **(John 20:1-18)**

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A. How Is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ DESCRIBED? (John 20:1-18)

1. Christ rose from the dead on the _____ of the week. (20:1)

** On what day did He die?*

** Who was with Mary Magdalene and what did these women see?*

** How did Peter and John respond?*

2. Christ first appeared to _____ following His resurrection. (20:11-18)

** Why didn't she recognize him initially?*

** Who else did Christ appear to?*

B. What EVIDENCE Exists for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ?

1. The fact that Christ was _____ by _____ proves that He truly rose from the dead. (1 Cor. 15:5-8)

** But didn't the disciples just hallucinate?*

** But didn't Christ just resuscitate?*

** But didn't the disciples just go to the wrong tomb?*

** But didn't the disciples steal Jesus' body?*

** But didn't Jesus only appear to those who already believed in Him?*

2. The fact that the resurrection _____ proves that Christ truly rose from the dead. (Ps. 16:9-11; Isa. 53:10)
3. The fact that the disciples were _____ proves that Christ truly rose from the dead. (Acts 2:14-40; 9:1-6, 20-29; 1 Cor. 15:8-10)

C. What Is the SIGNIFICANCE of Jesus Christ's Resurrection?

Jesus Christ had to rise from the dead in order to . . .

- 1) . . . to _____ the _____ as God's inspired and inerrant Word. (Ps. 16:9-11; Acts 2:25-31)
- 2) . . . to demonstrate and authenticate His _____. (Matt.12:38-40; Acts 2:22-24; Rom.1:3-4)
- 3) . . . for the sake of our _____ before God. (Romans 4:24-25; 10:9)
- 4) . . . to become the Giver of _____ to those who believe in Him. (John 5:21-26; 10:28; 11:25; 1 Cor.15:45; 1 John 5:11-13)
- 5) . . . to become the _____ of a new spiritual body, namely His Church. (Eph.1:20-23; Col.1:18)

** What spiritual blessings does this include?*

- 6) . . . to become the _____ of a guaranteed future resurrection of believers. (Rom. 8:11, 23; 1 Cor. 15:20-23; 2 Cor. 4:14)
- 7) . . . to _____ to earth and _____ the world as Israel's promised King in the future Millennial kingdom. (Matt. 28:18; Lk. 1:32-33; Acts 2:25-31, 17:31; Rev.19-20)

** Why should Jesus Christ's resurrection really matter to you?*