






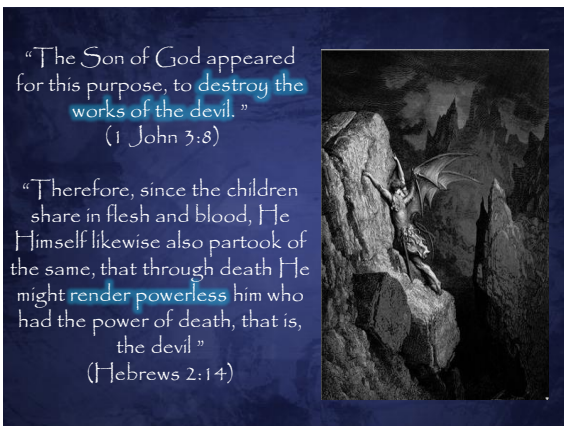
The Victories of Christ's Resurrection

1. Victory over Satan
2. Victory over Death
3. Victory of Christ's word
4. Victory of Christ's Person
5. Victory of the Gospel's Confirmation
6. Victory of Eternity









THE VICTORY OVER DEATH

"If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."
(1 Corinthians 15:32)

"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death."
(1 Corinthians 15:20-26)

"He will swallow up death for all time,
And the Lord God will wipe tears
away from all faces, And He will
remove the reproach of His people
from all the earth; For the Lord has
spoken."
(Isaiah 25:8)



"but now has been revealed by the
appearing of our Savior Christ
Jesus, who abolished death and
brought life and immortality to light
through the gospel,"
(2 Timothy 1:10)

" Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot
inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit
the imperishable. Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all
sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling
of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and
the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this
mortal must put on immortality. But when this perishable will
have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on
immortality, then will come about the saying that is written,
"Death is swallowed up in victory. "O death, where is your
victory? O death, where is your sting?"
(1 Corinthians 15:50-55)

THE VICTORY OF CHRIST'S WORD

"Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; for just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."
(Matthew 12:38-40)

Jesus did not say He would give them no sign. Jesus said THE sign, THE proof that would show Him to be truthful and the Messiah was His resurrection from the grave.

"The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of the temple of His body. So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken."
(John 2:18-22)

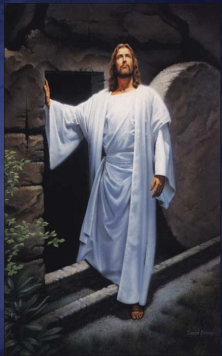
"From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day."
(Matthew 16:21)

"And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again."
(Mark 8:31)

THE VICTORY OF CHRIST'S PERSON

“Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord”
(Romans 1:1-4)

The resurrection would be the quintessential proving point of Jesus ministry, His truth claims, and His claim to deity. Paul says the resurrection amounted to His declaration as the Son of God. Note: Paul did not mean that God awarded Jesus that designation upon His resurrection, but that it was the proving point that externally declared the reality of Jesus deity.



THE VICTORY OF THE GOSPEL'S CONFIRMATION

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"As a lawyer I have made a prolonged study of the evidences for the events of the first Easter day. For me, the evidence is conclusive, and over and over again in the high court I have secured the verdict on evidence not nearly so compelling. Inference follows on evidence, and a truthful witness is always artless and disdains effect; the gospel evidence for the resurrection is of this class, and as a lawyer I accept it unreservedly as the testimony of truthful men to facts they were able to substantiate."
- Sir Edward Clark, Lawyer

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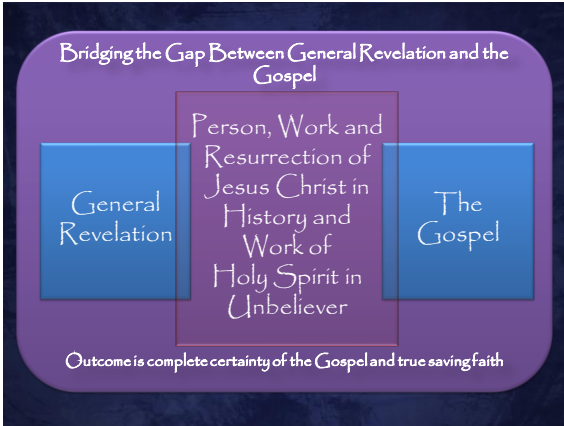
"and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also." - 1 Cor. 15:5-8

Paul brings forth six witnesses to the fact of Christ's resurrection: (1) Peter; (2) the rest of the disciples; (3) five hundred believers, most of whom were still alive; (4) James the half-brother of Jesus; (5) the rest of the apostles; (6) Paul himself.



Not that all were living eyewitnesses to the resurrection. Eyewitness testimony is (normally) the strongest proof that can be had for an event.

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WHY BELIEVE?

Is Jesus the only way to God?

“Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.”
(Romans 6:8-10)

All False Teachers

Buddha


Muhammad

Confucius


VS.

The One True Teacher

THE VICTORY OF ETERNITY




"If a man dies, will he live again?"
(Job 14:14)



A man and his ever-nagging wife went on vacation to Jerusalem. While they were there, the wife passed away. The undertaker told the husband, "You can have her shipped home for \$5,000, or you can bury her here, in the Holy Land, for \$150." The man thought about it and told him he would just have her shipped home. The undertaker asked, "Why would you spend \$5,000 to ship your wife home, when it would be wonderful to be buried here and you would spend only \$150?" The man replied, "Long ago a man died here, was buried here, and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance."

"The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord."
 (1 Corinthians 15:50-58)



"For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay."
 (Psalm 16:10)

The Resurrections of the Just

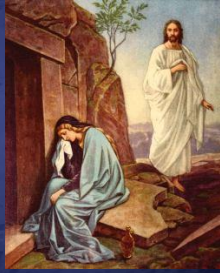


Harvest Imagery:
 1. First Fruits
 2. General
 3. Gleanings

First Fruit Resurrection

"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep."
(1 Corinthians 15:20)

"But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming,"
(1 Corinthians 15:23)



General Resurrection

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord."
(1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

"Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality."
(1 Corinthians 15:50-53)

Gleanings Resurrection

"Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.

Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years." (Revelation 20:4-6)

"This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.

"For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day." "

(John 6:39-40)

"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day"

(John 6:44)

"He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

(John 6:54)

"All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish. There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body."

(1 Corinthians 15:39-44)

"So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven. As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly."

(1 Corinthians 15:45-49)

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."
(Revelation 21:3-4)



THE FINAL PROMISE



"Because I live, you will live also."
(John 14:19)