

## The Nature of the Resurrection

### Introduction:

- A. Christianity has been a progressive, flourishing movement since the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
  - 1. It is said to be the t\_\_\_\_\_ religion in the world with 2.3 billion people.
  - 2. Cultures have reduced Christianity to a b\_\_\_\_\_ system rather than a lifestyle.
- B. Many “Christians” deny the very foundation of the Christian faith – the nature of the r\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus from the dead
  - 1. This is the reason that Jesus is the o\_\_\_\_\_ of our faith.
  - 2. This moves believers to s\_\_\_\_\_ Him.

*What exactly was raised from the dead in Jesus’s case?*

### The Resurrection of the whole Savior

- A. In order to be raised from death, Jesus had to die.
  - 1. Various h\_\_\_\_\_ sources written before the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D. verify that Jesus died being crucified on a cross.
    - a. General verification comes from Jewish, Greek, and Roman historians.
    - b. Specific details come only from C\_\_\_\_\_ sources.
  - 2. From the cross, Jesus yelled, *It is finished!* and gave up His s\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 19:30).
    - a. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (two men from the Jewish Council) prepared Jesus body for burial according to Jewish t\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 19:38-40)
    - b. The women followers watched the men put Jesus’s body in a certain tomb (Lk 23:55).
- B. Jesus body was securely put in the tomb (Matt 27:63-66)
  - 1. It was thief-deterrent – a l\_\_\_\_\_ stone was rolled over the entrance, which would require SEVERAL men to roll it up the track of the tomb.
  - 2. It was thief-repellant - a Roman s\_\_\_\_\_ was put over the stone in such a way that it would be broken if the stone was rolled away. The penalty for breaking the seal was DEATH.
  - 3. It was thief-proof – four Roman s\_\_\_\_\_ guarded the tomb around the clock. They had the authority to execute people on the spot.

- C. Jesus's human spirit
1. Went to h\_\_\_\_\_ until the third day (1Pet 3:18-20).
  2. Reunited with His b\_\_\_\_\_ on the third day
- D. What was in the tomb after the angel rolled the stone away?
1. The body was m\_\_\_\_\_.
  2. The linen wrappings were n\_\_\_\_\_ left (Jn 20:5-7).
  3. Therefore, every single part of Jesus emerged from that tomb.
- E. Some "Christian" groups and some liberal scholars claim that Jesus did not physically raise, but spiritually raised. To believe this would require one to D\_\_\_\_\_ the scriptures.
1. Jesus prophesied that His b\_\_\_\_\_ would come back to life (Jn 2:19-21).
  2. The enemies of Jesus went all out to k\_\_\_\_\_ His body in the grave because they understood Jesus to mean that His body would come back to life.
  3. The resurrected Jesus stated that He was not a g\_\_\_\_\_ but had the same body of flesh and bone which He always had (Lk 24:36-39)
  4. records that while several of them were assembled together in the upper room, that Jesus suddenly appeared. This scared them tremendously for they thought they were seeing a ghost. But Jesus calmed their fears by showing them all His wounds saying, *See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."*
- F. Why is this the resurrection of the whole Savior important?
1. One cannot be s\_\_\_\_\_ unless they believe this (Rom 10:9).
  2. If Jesus did not raise from death this way, there would be salvation for n\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 15:17).

*The resurrection of the whole Savior means...*

### **The salvation of the whole person**

- A. Jesus lives forever as God in the flesh – body, soul, and spirit.
1. This is the sacrifice He made to bring about the salvation of our body, soul, and spirit.
  2. Let's see what the Bible says about this salvation.
- B. Salvation of the spirit – this happens the moment we place our f\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus as our God and Savior (Jn 20:31)
1. Before trusting Christ we were d\_\_\_\_\_ in our sins (Eph 2:3) – our spirit was separated from God's Spirit.

2. As soon as we trust Christ, our spirit is j\_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord's Spirit (I Cor 6:17).
  3. This condition is permanent.
- C. Salvation of the body
1. I Cor 15:51-57 – this happens at Christ's c\_\_\_\_\_
  2. Rom 8:11 – our mortal bodies will be given l\_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Rev 21:4 – we will never d\_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Salvation of the soul
1. Definition of the word soul
    - a. It has a few meanings in the Bible
    - b. In this context, it is referring to the psychological aspect of our being (see Matt 26:38 where Jesus used the word soul to refer to His e\_\_\_\_\_ and will).
  2. God gives us the p\_\_\_\_\_ to overcome temptation (Rom 12:2; 1 Cor 10:13).
  3. God gives us the d\_\_\_\_\_ to overcome temptation (Phil 2:12,13).
  4. God will continue this rescuing until Jesus c\_\_\_\_\_ (Phil 1:6).

*We serve a risen Savior who guarantees our complete salvation, body, soul, and spirit.*