

"THE UNPARALLELED RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST"

ACTS 2:22-24

INTRO: As we gather here today to **HONOR GOD THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**, there are certain matters that we should take into consideration from which we see in our text:

- 1) **Vs. 22:** During Christ's ministry on earth, God validated Jesus as the Messiah through a variety of supernatural means and works. (Cp. John 21:30,31; 21:25)
- 2) **Vs. 23a:** From Eternity Past, God **PREDETERMINED** that Jesus would die an **ATONING DEATH** as a part of **HIS PRE-ORDAINED PLAN**. (Cp. Revelation 13:8)
- 3) **Vs. 23b:** That the **CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST** was **PREDETERMINED BY GOD** does not **ABSOLVE THE GUILT** of those who caused it.
- 4) **Vs. 24:** Because of **GOD'S DIVINE POWER, PROMISE AND PURPOSE**, death **COULD NOT** keep Jesus in the grave.

SOME OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

- 1) The **RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST** is the FOUNDATION for the other great Bible Doctrines. For instance, **IF JESUS HAD NOT RAISED FROM THE DEAD, AS THE BIBLE SAYS, THEN THE BIBLE IS NOT THE VERBALLY INSPIRED, INERRANT INFALLIBLE WORD OF GOD.**
- 2) The **RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST** gives us the GOOD NEWS of the GOSPEL to preach – 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. **WITHOUT THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST THERE IS NO GOSPEL TO PROCLAIM.**
- 3) The **RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST DISTINGUISHES AND MAKES CHRISTIANITY SUPERIOR TO ALL OTHER RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD.** Somebody once said: **"CHRISTIANITY BEGINS WHERE OTHER RELIGIONS END: WITH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST. ALL OTHER RELIGIONS CAN POINT TO A FOUNDER'S GRAVE, BUT THERE IS NO RELIGION, OTHER THAN CHRISTIANITY, WHICH CAN POINT TO AN EMPTY TOMB AND SAY, 'OUR FOUNDER WAS BURIED THERE AND ON THE THIRD DAY HE CAME OUT OF THAT TOMB.'"**
- 4) The **RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST** is no doubt the **MOST HATED DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE BY SATAN**, as it OPPOSES and DESTROYS all of his plans and efforts.
- 5) The **RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST** is mentioned over **40 TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.**
- 6) The **RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST** was the **CENTRAL THEME** of the disciples' preaching in the BOOK OF THE ACTS.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IS WITHOUT PARALLEL IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD!

REASONS WHY CHRIST'S RESURRECTION IS UNPARALLELED

I. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST WAS A PROPHESED EVENT

- A. Prophesied in the Old Testament
 1. Psalm 16:10
 2. Isaiah 53:10
- B. Prophesied by Christ Himself
 1. Matthew 16:21
 2. John 11:25

II. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST WAS AN OPPOSED EVENT

- Matthew 27:62-66
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III. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST WAS A PROVEN EVENT

- A. As Seen in the Empty Tomb – Matthew 28:6
- B. As Seen by the Many Witnesses – 1 Corinthians 15:1-8
- C. As Seen by Changed Lives
 1. James the Brother of Christ
 2. The Apostle Paul

- D. As Seen by the Many Martyrs for Christ
- E. As Seen by the Continual Existence of the Church

IV. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST WAS AN EFFECTIVE EVENT

- A. Christ's Resurrection Declares His Deity – Romans 1:4
- B. Christ's Resurrection Secures our Justification – Romans 4:25
- C. Christ's Resurrection Procures our Heavenly Intercession – Hebrews 7:25

V. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST GUARANTEES AN EVENTUAL EVENT

(As it relates to all True Believers in Christ)

- A. 1 Corinthians 15:20-23
- B. 1 Thessalonians 4:16

CONCLUSION AND APPLICATION

- 1) The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is an UNDENIABLE FACT.
- 2) The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is a LIFE CHANGING FACT.