

No Resurrection = No Christianity

HE IS RISEN!!

1 Corinthians 15: 12-14; Matthew 28: 1-7

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Messiah was crucified

The Son of God died an awful death, to pay our awful sin debt, so awful people could be saved

There was no other way – Jesus had to die to secure our freedom from Satan's control!

Jesus' death opens even the darkest places to the reconciling love of God!

Messiah was resurrected – HE IS RISEN!!

Matthew 28: 1-7

This gets really exciting !

From the darkness of the cross to the Resurrection of our Lord

It all looked so bleak!

Jesus' lifeless body hanging on the cross, His followers grieving and fearful!

Two secret disciples, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, ask for the body of Messiah

They are no longer secret followers of Messiah!

What do these heroes do?

Prepare the body for burial and place in a rich man's tomb (Joseph's)

700 years earlier, the prophet, Isaiah, said Messiah would be placed in a rich man's tomb (Isaiah 53: 9)

GOD IS ORCHESTRATING ALL OF THIS!!

This prophecy was fulfilled (*actually happened*) just as predicted!

ODDS OF WINNING THE LOTTERY
1 IN 259,000,000

ODDS OF A MAN FULFILLING 8 PROPHECIES
1 IN
100,000,000,000,000,000
(THAT'S A LOT OF ZEROES)

JESUS DID.*
*** ACTUALLY HE FULFILLED OVER 300**

Probability and Prophecy

48 prophecies

1 in 10 to the power 157

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If Christ is not physically risen from the dead, then we have no hope of resurrection!

On Resurrection morning, God gave the world evidence!

It's all true

THE TOMB WAS EMPTY!!



He is Risen!

Death could not
hold him.

Rejoice in the
resurrection of
Jesus Christ.

MATTHEW 28

HE IS RISEN: The evidence is overwhelming!
JESUS IS ALIVE!!!

EVIDENCE: Eyewitness testimony – 1 Corinthians 15: 5-7

The disciples saw the resurrected Jesus
twice – John 20: 19-29

Folks, there is evidence - *JESUS IS ALIVE!*

HE IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!!

EVIDENCE: The guarded tomb was empty

EVIDENCE: Fearful disciples turned to fearless disciples

EVIDENCE: Eyewitness testimony

EVIDENCE: A changed you

From a satanic, me-centered-life, to a follower of Jesus Christ life

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things become new.”

2 Corinthians 5: 17

JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING!

CONCLUSION: NO RESURRECTION = NO CHRISTIANITY
HE IS RISEN!

If Jesus did not rise, we would still be in our sin, destined for hell

Because Jesus lives, I will live!

Hear Jesus' promise – **John 14: 19**

“Because I live, you will live also.” (believers only)

A promise that I will never die, never be separated from God for a millisecond!

Jesus destroys our great enemy – *death!*

1 Corinthians 15:26

In a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, in the presence of Jesus! That is comforting – *that is truth!*

Brothers and sisters, can you see?

Because Jesus resurrected, you will never die –
we graduate!

Hear Jesus speak about your graduation:

**JESUS SAID TO HER,
"I AM THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE.
HE WHO BELIEVES
IN ME WILL LIVE,
EVEN THOUGH HE DIES;
AND WHOEVER LIVES
AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER DIE.
DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?**

SAVED – All because of the **Old Rugged Cross** and the
Resurrection of Messiah *(believers only)*

IT'S ALL TRUE!!


**WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS WHO IS CALLED THE
CHRIST?**

TODAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION!!

BELIEVE AND LIVE! *LIVE FREE!!*

“If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”

John 8: 36



BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN
THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE THAT **JESUS**
IS THE MESSIAH,
THE **SON OF GOD,** AND
THAT BY BELIEVING
YOU MAY HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME.

JOHN 20:31 NIV

The image depicts a dark, rocky tomb entrance. A large, smooth, light-colored stone slab is rolled away from the opening, lying on the ground to the left. A brilliant, golden-yellow light emanates from the dark interior of the tomb, creating a strong contrast with the surrounding darkness. The light appears to be coming from a source inside the tomb, possibly representing the resurrection.

He is
Risen

He is Risen
Indeed!