

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

ABSOLUTES ABOUT THE RESURRECTION

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Millions of people have the habit of attending a Christian church on "Easter Sunday." During the rest of the year they have no interest in Christian activities, but Easter Sunday is the time to attend church, maybe go to a sunrise service or to show off new clothing and meet friends. Putting that aside, what does the resurrection of Jesus mean and what part does it play in our Christian faith?

CHRISTIAN ABSOLUTES

This message might not be for you if you don't consider the King James Bible to be your divine authority, but if we are true to the Bible, there are certain points of doctrine that are essential to the Christian faith:

1. The virgin birth
2. Jesus was without sin
3. The death of Jesus on the cross
4. Three days and three nights in Paradise
5. The resurrection

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

There can be no resurrection without the virgin birth and it is the first stone in the foundation of our Christian faith! If you don't believe in the virgin birth of Jesus, then you believe in a Savior that was born a sinner and could not have paid for your sins.

God spoke to the prophet Isaiah and told him that the Messiah would be born to a virgin in Israel. **Isaiah 7:14-16; 9:6-7**

Why was it so important for the Messiah to be born of a virgin? When a husband and wife come together sexually, the woman furnishes the egg and the man furnishes the sperm. The egg contains the material for the flesh and bones but the blood comes from the sperm. ***The Adamic sin is passed through the blood; Jesus had to have sinless blood in order to be a sinless man who could pay for the sins of mankind!***

The New Testament records the virgin birth. **Luke 1:26-38**

Jesus was the sacrificial Lamb of God. **John 1:29-34**

It was His blood that paid for the sins of the human race. **Hebrews 9:7-15**

A SACRIFICIAL LAMB HAD TO BE WITHOUT BLEMISH

Only the Messiah with sinless blood could pay for the sins of mankind. **Romans 5:6-21**



When God set up the sacrifice, He called for a lamb without blemish. **Exodus 12:1-5**

Jesus was that sacrificial lamb. **1 Peter 1:18-23**

The apostle John confirm that Jesus was that sacrificial lamb. **Revelation 5:1-7**

THE DEATH ON THE CROSS

The sin payment was made on the cross. Here is the timeline that leads up to the crucifixion:

The Jewish religious police arrested Jesus during the night between Tuesday and Wednesday. **Matthew 26:37-57**

According to Jewish way keeping time, the expression “the cock crew” was in reference to 3:00AM. **Matthew 26:69-75**

Sunrise was at 6:00AM and this is the time when Jesus was brought to Pilate. **Matthew 27:1-2**

Jesus was judged and mistreated by Pilate and his Roman soldiers Wednesday morning. It was during this time that Jesus bore our sicknesses so we can be healed. **Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17; 1 Peter 2:24**

It was at the sixth hour (noon) that Jesus had been placed on the cross. **Matthew 27:33-45**

Jesus hung on the cross until the ninth hour (3:00PM), when He gave up the ghost. **verses 46-50**

Jesus paid for the sins of mankind during this three hour time period. Compare this with God’s timetable, where one second for God is three days and twenty-two hours for people on the earth. 2 Peter 3:8

Jesus’ body remained on the cross until even (6:00PM). Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and requested the body of Jesus to be put in a grave. **Mark 15:42-47**

THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS

Jesus predicted He would be in the center of the earth, where hell and paradise are separated by a gulf. Paradise was where the saints of God were kept before Jesus was resurrected. **Matthew 12:40; Luke 16:19-26**

Jesus went into hell to proclaim that the Messiah had come and paid for all sins but the people in hell had no part of this redemption. The Devil and his fallen angels are not in hell nor are they in charge of it. Hell is a prison run by God’s angels and Jesus was not tormented. **1 Peter 3:18-19**

The Hebrew day does not start in the morning but at 6:00PM. Jesus died at 3:00PM on Wednesday night and His spirit was immediately taken to Paradise. **Luke 23:39-43**

Jesus' body was in the grave from Wednesday through Saturday and He was resurrected sometime after 6:00PM on Saturday night and 6:00AM Sunday morning.

THE RESURRECTION

Early in the morning the women came to the grave and found that He had been resurrected. **Matthew 28:1-10**

There can be no salvation without a resurrection of Jesus.

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?