

TRUTH

That which is in accordance with fact or reality.

3For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on
the third day in accordance with the
Scriptures, 1 Cor. 15:3,4

**“How Do We Know the Resurrection
Really Happened?”**

*** Evidence proves the certainty of Jesus' death on the cross.**

“Clearly the weight of the historical and medical evidence indicates that Jesus was dead before the wound to his side was

inflicted and supports the traditional view that the spear probably perforated not only the right lung but also the pericardium and

heart, and thereby insured his death.
Accordingly, interpretations based on the
assumption that Jesus did not die on the

cross appear to be at odds with modern
medical knowledge.”

Journal of the American Medical Society

*** Evidence proves the tomb was empty!**

11While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place.

12And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers

13and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’”

14And if this comes to the governor's ears,
we will satisfy him and keep you out of
trouble.”

15 So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

Matt 18:11-15

*** The witnesses of the resurrection
are reliable.**

5and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of

whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

⊘Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 1 Cor. 15:5-9

“Does it make any difference whether it is true that Jesus rose from the dead?”

*** The resurrection assures us of
God's Forgiveness.**

17And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

1 Cor. 15:17

9If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

*** The resurrection assures us of
God's Power.**

18having the eyes of your hearts
enlightened, that you may know what is the
hope to which he has called you, what are

the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who

believe, according to the working of his
great might 20that he worked in Christ when
he raised him from the dead and seated

him at his right hand in the heavenly
places, Eph. 1:18-20

16For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek

Romans 1:16

Quoting from John Stott in “The Up-to-the-
Minute Relevance of the Resurrection”

“I’m afraid we are always in danger of trivializing the Christian good news but also always in danger of minimizing what God

by his resurrection power is able to do in ordinary human beings like you and me. We sometimes talk of becoming a Christian

as if it were really no more than turning over
a new leaf or maybe becoming a little
religious or making a few superficial

changes to our usual pattern of life. But when you scratch the surface, we are the same old pagans underneath; no real

change has taken place. Friend, I want to assure you that becoming and being a Christian, according to the New Testament,

is something far more radical than that, and
radical is the right word, because it means
going to the very roots of our human being

and human personality. Becoming a
Christian is nothing less than a resurrection
from spiritual death and the beginning of an

entirely new life in the power of the
resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In a word, the same God of supernatural power who raised Jesus from physical death can raise us from spiritual death

and make us alive and alert to spiritual things. We can know that God can raise us from that death because he raised Christ.

He can change us, because He changed
Christ.” John Stott

*** The resurrection assures us of
God's ultimate triumph.**

“When I die, I believe that I shall rot, and that that is the end. All the labors of the ages – the inspiration, the noonday

brightness of human genius – are destined for extinction. The whole temple of man's achievement must inevitably be buried

in the debris of a universe in ruins.”

Bertrand Russel

“The fundamental thing behind all motivation and all activity is the constant struggle against annihilation and against

death. Death is absolutely stupefying in its terror, and it renders anyone's accomplishment meaningless.”

Woody Allen

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ~~4~~to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

5who by God's power are being guarded
through faith for a salvation ready to be
revealed in the last time 1 Peter 1:3-5

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope .

14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

15For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who

who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and

with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together

with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thess. 4:13-18

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

2And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will

be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more,

neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Rev. 21:1-4

**“Who are you going to invest your hope in
for eternal life?”**

25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, John 11:25

16“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

11And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 5:11,12