

The
Resurrection
of
JESUS



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RESURRECTION EVIDENCES:

EMPTY TOMB – [Luke 24:3](#) “And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. Read [John 20:1-8](#). The Resurrection body left the tomb before the stone was rolled away. It was not necessary that the door be opened before the Lord of Life could come forth from the grave. The stone was rolled away not to let the Savior out, but rather to let the women and the disciples in. Why enter, you might ask? For evidence therein of the fact of the Resurrection.

The angel requested them to enter, calling special attention to the place where the Lord lay. The empty tomb is described in Mark and Luke. Mark refers to the inside of the tomb to be the place where the body had been laid. [Mark 16:5](#)

In [Luke 24:3](#) we read: *“They entered in and found not the body. [Luke 24:12](#) But Peter arose and ran unto the tomb and stooping and looking in; he sees the linen cloths by themselves.”*

RESURRECTION APPEARANCES OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST:

A Christophany is an appearance of Jesus Christ in Resurrection. In the New Testament, we have both Pre-Ascension and Post-Ascension appearances of our Lord:

Appearances prior to and during the ascension:

1. He appeared to Mary Magdalene – [John 20:11-17](#)
2. To the women returning from the tomb – [Matthew 28:5-9](#)
3. To Simon Peter – [Luke 24:34](#)
4. To the two on the way to Emmaus – [Luke 24:13-27](#)
5. To the disciples in the upper room – [John 20:19](#)
6. To Thomas – [Luke 24:36ff](#); [John 20:19-29](#)
7. To John and Peter – [John 21:5-7](#)
8. To 500 Believers – [I Corinthians 15:4-7](#), [Matthew 28:17-20](#)
9. To James, half-brother of our Lord – [I Corinthians 15:7](#)
10. To the 11 Disciples on a mountain near Galilee – [Matthew 28:16-20](#)
11. To the 11 Disciples in Jerusalem – [Luke 24:33-37](#) Ascension appearances – [Acts 1:3-12](#)

Post-Ascension Appearances:

12. He appeared to Stephen – [Acts 7:55,56](#)
13. He appeared to Paul (Damascus Road) – [Acts 9:3-6; 22:6-11; 13-18](#)
14. He appeared to Paul (Arabia) – [Acts 20:34; 26:17; Galatians 1:12-17](#)
15. He appeared to Paul in the Temple – [Acts 9:26-30; 22:17-21; Galatians 1:11-17](#)
16. He appeared to Paul in prison – [Acts 23:11](#)
17. He appeared to John on the Isle of Patmos – [Revelation 1:10-20](#)

RESURRECTION FACTS:

- I. The fact of Christ's Resurrection is firmly established by Scripture. [Matt. 28:6;](#) [Mark 16:6;](#) [Luke 24:6;](#) [I Cor. 15:4-8](#)
- II. His Resurrection was necessary to His being believed in as the Savior of the world.
- III. If the Resurrection had not followed the Crucifixion, then the scoff of the Jews would have been legitimate. They said, *"Himself He cannot save, let Him come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him."*

FIRST RESURRECTION:

- I. CHRIST
- II. CHURCH AGE BELIEVERS
- III. OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS & MARTYRS OF TRIBULATION

IV. ALL MILLENNIAL SAINTS & THOSE ALIVE AT SECOND ADVENT

RESURRECTION OF THE OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS: DOES NOT OCCUR UNTIL THE SECOND ADVENT (7 REASONS):

1. [Acts 2:25-29](#) Peter said that the body of David was still in his sepulcher on the day of Pentecost. (If body is in the grave then his body was not resurrected) Certain ones were seen walking around in Jerusalem. [Matt. 27](#) – resuscitation-brought back to life only to die again. [John 11:1-44](#)
2. [Daniel 12:13](#) and [Isaiah 26:19, 20](#) reveals that it is impossible for the OT saints to be resurrected at any time except at the 2nd advent.
3. The dispensation of Israel is not concluded until the Second Advent therefore there can be no resurrection of OT saints until that time.
4. Moses and Elijah the two witnesses in [Rev. 11:3-13](#), could not have had resurrection bodies since once a person gets a resurrection body the person cannot die. These men did die and were resuscitated.
5. The unconditional covenants to Israel (Abraham, Palestinian, Davidic and new covenant) are not fulfilled until the Second Advent. There is no need for resurrection

bodies of the OT saints until these covenants are fulfilled to them.

6. [Matthew 27:51, 52](#) – Here we have resuscitation and not resurrection – This was for the purpose of witnessing by appearance.
7. [Ephesians 4:8](#) presents the transfer of the OT saints from Paradise (heart of the earth) to the third heaven (which is not a resurrection)

JESUS IN RESURRECTION BODY:

NATURE OF RESURRECTION:

Jesus in His Resurrection body had nail-print scars.

[Ps. 22:16](#); [Zech. 12:10](#); [John 20:25-29](#)

1. Jesus also retained the wounded side. [John 20:25](#). The Lord was recognized by his disciples as the one who died and rose again.
2. Christ, after the Resurrection, could eat ([Luke 24:42, 43](#)) even though He did not depend upon food to sustain him.
3. Christ had a true body which could be felt. [Matt. 28:9](#); [Luke 24:39](#); [John 20:17](#)
4. His Resurrection body could breathe. [John 20:22](#)
5. His Resurrection body possessed flesh and bones. [Luke 24:39,40](#).

6. His Resurrection body could walk through a closed door. [Luke 24:36](#); [John 20:19](#).
Christ appeared to His disciples many times during the short time on earth after the Resurrection – but He also disappeared at will – [Luke 24:17](#).
7. His body could move horizontally or vertically. [Acts 1:10](#)

RESURRECTION – BIBLICAL CONCEPTS:

[EPHESIANS 1:20](#)

- I. RESURRECTION STATED:
 1. Based on the empty tomb
 2. The witnesses knew Jesus – revealed resurrection.
 3. The validity of the Resurrection is revealed in the attitude of the Disciples. Before His death they were afraid and after His death despondent, but after His Resurrection they were joyous and fearless.
- II. TWO RESURRECTIONS – [John 5:24-29](#); [Dan. 12:2](#); [Rev. 20:6, 13](#); Two General Resurrections – The first resurrection involves the Lord Jesus Christ and believers only. [1 Cor. 15:20-23](#). The First Resurrection is divided into 4 parts:

1. Resurrection of Christ [I Cor. 15:20](#)
“Every man in his own order” Christ was raised and seated – [I Cor. 15:23](#); [Rom. 1:4](#); [1 Thess. 1:10](#); [2 Thess. 2:8](#); [1 Peter 1:3](#).
2. There will be another Resurrection at the Rapture of the Church – [I Cor. 15:51-57](#); [Phil. 3:20-21](#); [I Thess. 4:13-18](#).
3. Third Segment Resurrection at the end of the Tribulation when all Old Testament Saints and Tribulation martyrs will be resurrected – [Dan. 12:13](#); [Isa. 26:19, 20](#); [Rev. 20:4](#); [Matt. 24:31](#).
4. The fourth Company/Segment will be the Millennial Saints and those who survive the Tribulation to enter the Millennium in physical bodies. This will be at the end of the Millennium – the believers and those saved during the 1,000-year period.

THE SECOND RESURRECTION:

This Resurrection relates to the unbelievers – lost individuals. This will be a one-time event. [John 5:28, 29](#); [Rev. 20:12-15](#); [II Pet. 3:9](#); [Matt. 25:41](#).

This occurs at the end of the Millennium and will be a resurrection of all unbelievers since the beginning of time. They are judged and cast into the Lake of Fire.