

Billy graham once said, "if I were an enemy of Christianity, I would aim right at the resurrection because that is the heart of Christianity.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the one element that makes Christianity not only superior to every other religion, but totally different from every other religion. Someone has rightly said, "Christianity begins where other religions end: with the resurrection of Jesus Christ." every other religion of the world can point to a founding father, and they can even point to his grave. But only Christianity points to an empty tomb and says, "our founder is alive."

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*The word Resurrection is a noun; which means to Rise from the dead...to bring what was dead to life! So Resurrection means a return to a physical body in a physical universe on a physical earth.*

- **Jesus resurrection takes it a step further: (Tim please put this on the screen)**

*Jesus' resurrection means-an eternal future for fully restored human beings dwelling on a fully restored earth in a fully restored universe connected to a fully united heaven!*

**" I don't just believe in the Resurrection of Jesus I believe in the power of the Resurrected Jesus...that he has power over death...the greatest problem of Humanity... he already has power over the Heavens and all spiritual forces ...but by becoming man and conquering the disease of sin and its consequence of Death ...he has absolute power over all thing in heaven and in earth...and therefore has power over everything...**

- **The teaching of the Church maintains that wholeness of the human being is defined by the resurrection and nothing less.**
- **It is the most important doctrine of the Christian Faith, for every other doctrine only has value if we live again after we die in bodily form..**
- **Jesus did not just die to remove our sins; if He merely died, then death has the last word.**
- **Without the resurrection, the Christian religion comes tumbling down — like taking the bottom pieces out of jenga.**

**Listen to what The Apostle Paul says...**

***1 Corinthians 15: <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.***

**1 Corinthians 15:**<sup>17</sup> *And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins.* <sup>18</sup> *In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost!* <sup>19</sup> *And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.*

- **If Jesus did not resurrect...What we preach is useless... has absolutely no value... this life heaven or hell even has no value...**

1. **If Jesus did not resurrect...Our Faith is useless... it is worth absolutely nothing it is futile...there is no point to our faith...**
2. **If Jesus did not resurrect...We are false witnesses about God...we are liars and should not be believed in anything pertaining to God...**
3. **If Jesus did not resurrect... Jesus death on the cross to take away sin is of absolutely no value**
4. **If Jesus did not resurrect...He then is still dead.... and Christianity is the meanest cruelest HOAX— it is a lie and sadistic.**
5. **If Jesus did not resurrect...we just sang to a dead man, we prayed to a dead man, I foolishly preach about a dead man, we worship a powerless dead man, we put trust in a dead man! We should truly be the most pitied of all!!**
6. **Death is the fundamental human problem, for if death is really final then nothing is worthwhile save self-indulgence.**

**1 Corinthians 15:32** ..... —*if there will be no resurrection from the dead? And if there is no resurrection, “Let’s feast and drink, for tomorrow we die!”*

**But Jesus did rise and the Resurrection is real...**

- **Remember...Resurrection means a permanent return to a physical body in a physical universe on a physical earth. Resurrection means to restore life to its former condition and existence...**
- **So what was our former Existence? Scripture indicates that God designed our bodies to be an integral part of our total being. Our physical bodies are an essential aspect of who we are, not just shells for our spirits to inhabit ...**

**Genesis 2:7** *Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person.*

- He was not formed to be a dying being...Death was and is an abnormal condition because it tears apart what God created and joined together ...not only human beings but all God's creation

**And Paul tells us something else...**He expounds on the depth of Resurrection...it includes all of his creation...Just as all creation was effected by the fall of man...the redemption effects all of creation...

*Romans 8:21*the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. <sup>22</sup> For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

**This damaged creation cries out to be repaired...and it is His plan to repair it. He is going to remodel the old earth on a grand scale...**

- **Interesting term ..Childbirth...the new life is waiting to be born...**
- but there is groaning and pain associated with it...but the new life is coming...
- the earth groans while waiting .. we groan also as we wait for the full number to come in...
- **What is the glory?? We will resurrected and live again forever in this renewed and restored creation...**
- **Jesus' resurrection marks the beginning of a restoration that he will complete upon his return.**

*Romans 8:* <sup>23</sup> And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. <sup>24</sup> We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it.

I wonder if we get a card when we get to heaven...with checks to be placed in the boxes with our desires of what we want in our resurrected body...height, full head of hair...choice of weight which will not fluctuate... it is hard to even imagine a perfect body!

**\*\*\*His resurrection body is similar to what our resurrection body will be like.**

*1JN 3: 2 Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.*

**Paul speaks of it like this...**

*Philippians 3: 21 He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.*

*1COR 15: 42 It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. 43 Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. 44 They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies.*

**These bodies from birth are perishable...they are sown in dishonor which means it is dis-honors the body to die... this is the body's current weakness**

- but will be restored to its proper glory and resurrected imperishable...there will be continuity...
- it will be an earthly and spiritual body.... in unity and powerful!!

**Job had this revelation...as he lived in his weak and diseased body...**

*Job 19: 25 "But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last. 26 And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God! 27 I will see him for myself. Yes, I will see him with my own eyes. I am overwhelmed at the thought!*

**\*\*\*this info was overwhelming for Job and Jesus knew this info was too much for his disciples to comprehend Though the disciples walked with Jesus, listened to his teaching but still could not comprehend the Resurrection...**

*John 13:7* Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

*and a little after that..*

*John 16:12* “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear

- **These disciples were setting the example for all those who have followed Jesus since...we often don't understand...and sometimes become unsure of that which we were previously sure...**

- **They believed him to be the expectant messiah...but he died**

- **A dead Messiah is no Messiah...A dead God is no God...**

- **but when they will see him resurrected...the info makes complete sense**

1. **\*\*\*Lets pick up the story of when they finally understood Jesus' plan..... a few of the women were going to go back to the tomb on the third day to to give him a proper burial and anointing. They did not believe he would rise from the dead at least literally...so they were going to do the proper Jewish burial procedures...**

2. **He is dead but at least they can slow the decay... **anoint Jesus and say we love you...and good bye****

*LK 24:1* But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.

- **The women came to the tomb very early, before it was light outside ...The women were looking NOT for a resurrected man, but for a DEAD man.**

<sup>2</sup> They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. <sup>3</sup> So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, “Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? <sup>6</sup> He

*isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day."*

*<sup>8</sup> Then they remembered that he had said this. <sup>9</sup> So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened. <sup>11</sup> But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it. <sup>12</sup> However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.*

**We can believe in and love Jesus ...just like these ladies did...And still believe that Jesus cannot do what he said he would ... like the apostles did**

- **They did what a lot of Christians do...they spiritualized the resurrection which in effect denies it...There will be a resurrection kind of...we live in a spiritual state in heaven forever**
- **It is God's standard operating procedure for His work in the present to not be fully or often even halfway understood... They understood his plans better through hindsight...**
- **. In retrospect, the disciples saw how Jesus had led them into a deeper and better understanding of his truth after he spoke it**
- **But it is through obedience and experience which takes time ...do we begin to understand his working out of His great plans...**
- **At this point in our lives ...not one person in here fully understands what God is doing with your life and in your life ...and through your life...**
- **the women believed ...the guys were a little slower**

**...that same evening..**

*JN 20: <sup>19</sup> That Sunday evening<sup>[b]</sup> the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. <sup>20</sup> As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord!*

**But there is something that transcends understanding...and that is peace...peace in our hearts...Peace because we are ok with God...**

- **Peace be with you and me...he is stating...no need to fear we are at peace...I am alive like I told you...death or separation has been overcome...we will live together in Peace...the relationship between God and man is healed...**
- **But he adds something to it...because you and the Father are at peace I give you the promised Holy Spirit**
- **...breathed the Holy Spirit into them....**  
*JN 20: 21 Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." 22 Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.*
  - **They will never be separated from his love...and given the promised Holy Spirit as seal and a deposit..that is power**

*Eph 1: 13 And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. 14 The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.*

- **the Holy Spirit is God's guarantee of our inheritance...what is our inheritance? to live with Jesus in Resurrected bodies on earth!**
- **Jesus' resurrection marks the beginning of a restoration that he will complete upon his return.**

*Romans 8: 11 The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.*

- **The Spirit is at work in each of us right now!!! He can resurrect anything that has died... We have resurrection power...working in us...**

**if he will resurrect our dead bodies...into glorious bodies..that same power is available today to revive our souls now...what do you need revived?**

**end**

**or**

- *what has entombed you? call it out by name...declare the resurrected power of Jesus over it...it has no more power to entomb you*
- *He will deliver you from it or deliver you through it...*
- *what has bound me...I now bind in the name of Jesus...and I loose freedom, love, power, health a sound mind!*
- *Walk in the power of the name of Jesus...the Resurrected King of all Creation*
- *end*

**end**

**Lets repent of our unbelief that he cant resurrect the dead parts in me! I am your all in all...I am the risen and present God**

**the future resurrection of our bodies... while I walk this side of the Resurrection, Jesus bring life to those dead places in me !! pray for life ...Holy Spirit resurrect that in me which has died...**

**He can resurrect the broken hearted.. He resurrects Hope in the hopeless....And gives resurrection Strength to the weary...He is a father to the fatherless**

**And provides a home for the outcast...Brings Peace to the restless  
He resurrects Joy in the downcast...Gives Rest to the weary...Offers Freedom to the captive...Release to those in bondage...To the broken He heals**

**The lost He rescues ... the sin soaked he washes clean...**

**and the greatest is to those who die believing Christ....**

**lost your passion for living? Jesus can resurrect that ... Jesus says I am...  
Are you dead? I am life... are you depressed? I am your counselor... are**



**you Afraid? I am your protector.... are you trapped? I am your deliver....are you Lonely? I am your friend... are you Sick? I am your healer Are You unrighteous? Jesus says I am your righteousness Are you imperfect? I am your perfection...Are you homeless? I am your home... are you weak? I am your strength.... are you Lost? I am your guide ...are you Poor? I am your provider are you a Sinner ?I am your Savior**