

Did He Really Raise from the Dead?

Acts 1:1-3

John 20:19-21

Just as creation is the most certain truth of real science, so the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most certain fact of genuine history.

There will always be those who challenge the Biblical (also scientific) truth of creation, and in the same way will clash over the historical reality of Christ' resurrection.

If the resurrection is true (and it is) then all of mankind is compelled to follow the directives of the Bible and to submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Luke records the facts of "many infallible proofs" in his opening statement of the book of Acts.

Easter Sunday is the celebration of the greatest infallible proof of God's love for all people. John 3:16.

The Gospels record the facts following the crucifixion of Jesus Christ that reveal the authenticity of the resurrection from the dead.

Because death (the wages of sin) is man's greatest problem and because every person must face their inevitable appointment with death, the resurrection becomes the single greatest topic for all mankind.

1. Notice Jesus proved Himself to them. Vs.19

- A. Jesus arrived on the scene on the day He prophesied he would rise.
- B. Jesus came to them and stood in their midst.
- C. He showed up in spite of the closed and locked doors.

2. Notice Jesus revealed the evidence that proved it was Him. Vs.20

- A. He showed them His hands and side.
- B. These wounds were horrific to the disciples and could not belong to anyone else.
- C. The disciples were immediately convinced. (the disciples were glad)

3. Notice Jesus validated who He was by His command to the disciples. Vs.21

- A. Operate from a position of peace.
- B. Follow my example and do the same.
- C. This was common teachings from Jesus and was recognized by His disciples.