

Why the Resurrection?

Job had many grievous losses and yearned for resurrection

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God: I myself will see him with my own eyes-- I, and not another.

How my heart yearns within me!

Job 19:25-27

Daniel foresaw massive resurrection to eternal life or shame

Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake:

some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Daniel 12:2-3

Critics of Jesus sought to trap him in public challenges

- ²³ That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question.
- ²⁴ "Teacher," they said, "Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and have children for him.
- ²⁵ Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother.
- ²⁶ The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh.
- ²⁷ Finally, the woman died.
- ²⁸ Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?"

But Jesus confronted their ignorance of Scripture and God

- ²⁹ Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.
- ³⁰ At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.
- ³¹ But about the resurrection of the dead— have you not read what God said to you,
- ³² I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living."
- ³³ When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

Matthew 22:23-33



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Why the Resurrection for Christ?

It declares that Jesus is the Son of God Rom.1:4
 It is an "elementary teaching" of faith in him Heb.6:2
 By it, both righteous and the wicked will be raised Acts 24:15

Why the Resurrection for Us?

Christ's resurrection is the promise of ours 1 Cor.15:20
 By it, we have new birth and a living hope 1 Pet.1:3
 It is the meaning of our baptism and salvation Rom.6:5, 1Pet.3:21

Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died— more than that, who was raised to life— is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.
 Romans 8:4

The Commands of Jesus

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.

Portions of Matthew 22:37-38



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Moses and the Burning Bush by A. Friberg

Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob."

At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Exodus 3:6

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