

GETTING TO KNOW JESUS: HIS PERSON & WORK

21 April 2021 | *Week 3: Risen Christ*

I. Review

- 1) Week 1: Pre-Incarnate, Eternal Son
 - a) Testimony of the Old Testament
 - i) Son of Man & Ancient of Days
 - ii) Eternal Generation
 - b) Testimony of the New Testament
 - i) Testimony of Christ
 - ii) Testimony of the Apostles
 - c) The necessity of Christ's divinity

- 2) Week 2: The Incarnation
 - a) Key Elements of the Incarnation
 - i) The person of the Son became a human (Jn. 1:14, Phil. 2:6, Col. 2:9, Heb. 2:14-15, 1 John 4:2-3)
 - ii) Virgin Conception (Is. 7:14, Luke 1:35, 3:23)
 - (1) Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit
 - (2) Fully God, Fully Man Two natures, One Person (Hypostatic Union)
 - b) The Humanity of Christ
 - i) Human body
 - ii) Human Mind (Luke 2:52, Heb. 5:8)
 - iii) Human Soul & Holy Emotions
 - iv) Sinless Human (2 Cor. 5:21, Heb. 4:15, 1 Peter 1:19)
 - v) The necessity of Christ humanity
 - c) The Heart of Christ

II. The Risen Christ

1) The FACT of the Resurrection

- a) Historical facts - No serious historical scholar, Christian or non-Christian, doubts the core facts surrounding the resurrection
 - i) Jesus was crucified and buried in a tomb
 - ii) Three days after his crucifixion the body was missing from the tomb
 - iii) Over the next 40 days there were reported appearances of Jesus by both believers and unbelievers
 - iv) There were individuals whose lives were transformed from the appearances, and they began to proclaim Christ's resurrection even to the point of being put to death for their proclamations
- b) Skeptics have challenged that the empty tomb does not mean that Christ rose from the dead
 - i) Wrong tomb theory - the witnesses went to the wrong tomb
 - ii) Hallucination theory (mind games - psychological phenomena)
 - iii) The swoon theory - Jesus was not really dead
 - iv) The stolen body theory
 - v) The soldiers fell asleep theory
 - vi) The legend theory

- c) New Testament evidence for resurrection of Christ from the dead
 - i) The gospels contain abundant testimony to the resurrection of Christ (Matt. 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-53; John 20-21)
 - ii) The book of Acts is a story of the Apostles' proclamation of the resurrection of Christ
 - iii) The epistles depend entirely on the assumption that Jesus is a living reigning Savior who is now the exalted head of the church
- 2) The Nature of Christ's Resurrection
 - a) Every person of the Triune Godhead participated in the resurrection
 - i) God the Father (Acts 2:24; Rom. 6:4; 1 Cor. 6:14)
 - ii) God the Son (John 10:17-18; John 2:19-21)
 - iii) God the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:10-11; Rom. 1:4)
 - b) Jesus resurrected body was a physical body
 - i) The disciples touched and handled him after the resurrection (Matt. 28:9)
 - ii) Jesus ate and drank with them after the resurrection (Luke 24:30)
 - c) Different than others who had been raised from the dead
 - i) Jesus resurrection was the "first fruits" (1 Cor. 15:20, 23) of a new kind of human life where the body was made perfect
 - ii) Though Jesus body was still a physical body, it was transformed, it had "put on immortality" (1 Cor. 15:53)
 - iii) 1 Cor. 15:42-44 tells us what the resurrected body will be like

3) The Significance of the Resurrection

- a) Death will never have dominion over Christ again (Rom. 6:9; Acts 13:34)
- b) Jesus intercedes for us in heaven before God (Rom. 8:34)
- c) It is the beginning and guarantee of our resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20; 2 Cor. 4:14)
- d) We were raised with Jesus so that our true life is hidden now in him (Eph. 2:6; Col. 3:1-4)
- e) We are born again to a living hope (1 Peter 1:3)
- f) We now enjoy his personal fellowship with us always (Matt. 28:20)
- g) Because of the resurrection of Jesus, he has a name above every name and every knee will bow to him (Philippians 2:9-10)
- h) Jesus kept his word (Matt. 17:22)
- i) God secured our justification by raising Jesus from the dead (Rom. 4:25)
- j) The risen Christ takes the place for us that the law once had so that we can bear fruit for God (Rom. 7:4)

All other religions have the tombs of their dead founders and prophets. We have an empty tomb and a living Savior.

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1. Name 2-3 of the theories that seek to explain away the true bodily resurrection of Christ.
2. What are the key passages in Scripture that testify to the bodily resurrection of Christ?
3. Why is Christ's resurrection essential for the Christian faith?
4. How does the resurrection of Christ give us hope for today and eternity?

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