

The Resurrection of Jesus

1) The Evidence of the Scriptures

Isaiah 53:5

“But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.”

Isaiah 53:8

“By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due?”

Isaiah 53:9

“His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth.”

Matthew 12:39-40

“An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

Gordon Fee

“The Old Testament as a whole bears witness to the resurrection on the third day...An early tradition saw the combined evidence of Psalm 16:8-11 and Psalm 110:1 as bearing witness to the Messiah’s resurrection.”

Acts 2:31

“He looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.”

John MacArthur

“Over and over again, either directly or indirectly, literally or figures of speech, the Old Testament foretold Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection. No Jew who believed and understood the Scriptures, referring to what we now call the Old Testament, should have been surprised that the Messiah was ordained to die, be buried, and then resurrected. Twice Paul repeats the phrase according to the Scriptures, to emphasize that this is no new thing, and no contradiction of true Jewish belief.”

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- 1) The Evidence of the Scriptures
- 2) The Evidence of the Witnesses

Sir Edward Clarke

“As a lawyer I have made a prolonged study of the evidences for the events of the first Easter day. For me, the evidence is conclusive, and over and over again in the high court I have secured the verdict on evidence not nearly so compelling. Inference follows on evidence, and a truthful witness is always artless and disdains effect; the gospel evidence for the resurrection is of this class, and as a lawyer I accept it unreservedly as the testimony of truthful men to facts they were able to substantiate.”

Thomas Arnold

“I have been used for many years to study the history of other times, and to examine and weigh the evidence of those who have written about them, and I know of no one fact in the history of mankind which is better proved by fuller evidence than the great sign that God has given us that Christ died and rose again from the dead.”

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- 2) The Evidence of the Witnesses
 - a. His Appearance to Peter
 - b. His Appearance to the Twelve
 - c. His Appearance to the Five Hundred
 - d. His Appearance to James
 - e. His Appearance to all the Apostles

Luke 24:34

“The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon.”

Acts 1:2-3

“...after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.”

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- 1) The Evidence of the Scriptures
- 2) The Evidence of the Witnesses
- 3) The Evidence of Personal Experience

Acts 9:5

“I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.”

Acts 9:20

“And immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, ‘He is the Son of God.’”