

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST: HOAX OR REALITY?



Matthew 28:1-8

The Resurrection Of Christ Was The Central Theme Of Christ's Teachings

- ▣ A study of the teachings of Christ show that the resurrection was one of the foremost themes of Christ's teachings - Matthew 16:21; 17:9; John 2:19-22

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- ▣ If Christ did not fulfill these prophecies about himself, then he must not be believed nor followed - Deuteronomy 18:20-22

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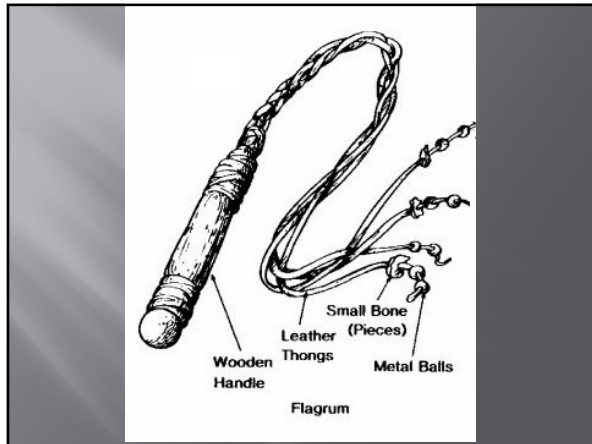
- ▣ It was the fact of the resurrection of Christ that was the basis for the preaching of the Gospel. If this were not true, then we are following a false prophet, our faith is vain and we are most miserable

For There To Be A Resurrection, There Had To Be The Death Of The Body

- ▣ The very word "resurrection" implies the death of what was brought back to life
- ▣ Christ was under the sentence of death, both by the Jews and the Romans

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- ▣ It is not my purpose in this lesson to detail the suffering that Christ had to endure, however certain facts about crucifixion must be presented.



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- ▣ The Gospel record clearly presents the facts that support the actual death of Christ upon the cross
- ▣ Pilate demanded the proof of the death of Christ - Mark 15:44-45

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- ▣ From all the evidence herein presented, it can be determined that Christ actually died upon the cross, thereby making it possible to have a resurrection.

The Manner & Way That Jesus
Was Buried Witnesses The
Reality Of His Death

- ▣ The disposing of the body of Jesus is a witness of his death, as well as fulfillment of prophecy
- ▣ The burying of the body of Jesus was after the manner of kings and rich people

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- ▣ The preparing of the body for burial witnesses of his death - John 19:40
- ▣ Christ was placed in a new tomb, one that had not been used before - John 19:41-42

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If Jesus were not dead, then why did these men go to so much effort to prepare the body for burial?

Why did they place the body in a tomb?

The Events Following The Burial Of Jesus Proves That He Rose From The Dead

- ▣ Those who deny that Jesus died and rose from the grave attest that His disciples stole him away from the tomb.

This lie was first started by the chief priest - Matthew 28:13

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- ▣ To insure that His disciples would not steal the body of Jesus, the Priest took certain measures to prevent this from happening - Matthew 27:62-66

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- ▣ These events prove that Jesus was dead, and that he also arose from the dead. If not, then

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Why take the care to guard the tomb?

Why risk their lives to allow a few weak men to steal the body of Jesus?

The Empty Tomb Proves The Resurrection

- ▣ It is a fact, uncontested by any, that on the third day after the death of Jesus, that his tomb was empty.

The question that remains, is who moved the stone?

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It could not have been his enemies

It could not have been his friends

The Resurrection Of Christ Can Be Verified By The Various Witnesses To The Resurrection

- ▣ In our text, Paul list the witnesses - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- ▣ There are several scriptures that show the witnesses of the resurrection:

Mary Magdalene - Mark 16:9

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The women who were returning from the tomb - Matthew 28:9-10

The Apostle Peter - Luke 24:34

The two men on the road to Emmaus - Luke 24:13-33

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Christ appeared to the Apostles, with Thomas absent - John 20:19-24

A second time to the Apostles with all present - John 20:26-29


To seven of the Apostles on the Sea of Tiberias - cf. John 21:1-23

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There are other appearances, and from what Paul said, many were still alive at the writing of this letter.

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- ▣ The conclusion, then, is that Christ actually rose from the dead on the first day of the week after his death



*Christ Died, Was Buried
And Rose Again The
Third Day According To
The Scriptures*