

LESSON 1: PHYSICAL PROOF

OBJECTIVE: To understand and explain the resurrection, for personal motivation to live right and to share the gospel with others.

Introduction: Why is the resurrection significant?

A. Definition of term resurrection:

1. The Greek word is: **anastasis**, which means rising up or standing up again.
2. Think of the Resurrection as an appearance,
Greek word – horao Acts 9:1-9, I Cor 15:8

B. Why is the Resurrection important in religious studies?

1. From the earliest of the history of time, men have been asking the age old question, ***“If a man dies, will he live again?”***
Job 14:7-14 – Job makes the comparison of the life of a tree vs. the life of a man
2. There have always been those who have doubted and denied there is a resurrection.
Matthew 23:23, Acts 23:8 – _____

C. The Certainty of the Resurrection

Man has always felt that there was life after death. Religious, such as Hinduism, Buddhism adhere to a belief that man continues to exist after death.

A. Old Testament Evidence of the Resurrection

1. Psalm 16:10-11 – The body is mentioned.
2. Psalm 49:15 – Implies that there is communion with God beyond death
 - There is a contrast between those who are redeemed with those who bodies will decay.
3. Isaiah 26:19 and Daniel 12:2 – Clear belief in the resurrection of the body
4. Hades is a place after death – Psalm 9:17
 - Korah tribe went down to Sheol – Numbers 16:31-33

B. New Testament Evidence of the Resurrection

1. Mark 12: 18-27 – Jesus is God of the living
2. The Pharisees believed in the OT teaching on the resurrection of the body. Since there is a relationship with God and His creation. The dead must be raised because God is still their God.
3. Both the wicked and the righteous are mentioned as going to Hades before the resurrection of the Lord.
 - Luke 16:19-32 – The rich man went to Hades, and he and Lazarus were having a conversation over the distance with each other.
4. Jesus has the keys to both death and Hades – Revelations 1:18.

- 5. Revelations 20:13 both will give up the dead
- 6. Jesus statement to the thief on the cross Luke 23:43

QUESTION: If there is life after, how should we view life today, the here and now?



I Corinthians Chapter 15: Basic Facts About the Resurrection

PART 1: The Resurrection Affirms Salvation

First, the preaching of the gospel is important for salvation – I Cor. 1:17-18

The gospel was saving the Corinthians

- A. The gospel was preached to saved vs. 1-2

NOTE: The possibility that the Corinthians believed to hastily – Mark 4:6

- 1. Christ died according to the Scriptures vs. 3

QUESTION: Which scripture is Paul referring too?

QUESTION: When Paul says I delivered to you as of first importance, what part of the witnessing presentation is he referring?

QUESTION: Why was Christ death necessary?

- 2. Christ was raised according to the Scriptures vs. 4

READ: Isaiah 53: 10-12 – Resurrection of the suffering servant

B. Proof of the Resurrection

- 1. Appeared to Cephas – Luke 24:34
- 2. Then to the 12 – Mark 16:14
- 3. Appeared to the 500 -
- 4. Appeared to James – John 7:50
- 5. Then to the Apostles – Luke 24:33
- 6. Then to Paul – Acts 9:1-9

Write two important notes about the proof of the resurrection

- 1. _____
- 2. _____

C. Paul, the least of the apostles vs. 9 – 11

QUESTION: Why does Paul call himself the least of the apostles?
Acts 8:3 _____

QUESTION: Why is the resurrection proof that people should be in life transformation?