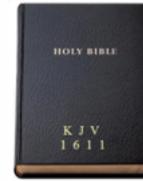


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# Practical Theology

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## Introduction

- EASTER was a Roman holiday celebrated around the time of the Jewish passover that predates the true church (Acts 12:4)
- It was adopted, modified, and established by the Roman Catholic Church as an official holy day to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ
- Professing Christians all over the world, not just Roman Catholics, choose to celebrate the annual holiday in various ways, currently scheduled on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox
- Regardless of the questionable origins of the holiday, the whole civilized world understands that Easter is supposed to represent the resurrection of Jesus, so it is a great opportunity for fundamental churches and born again Christians to witness for Jesus Christ and invite people to church
- There is nothing wrong with churches and Christians celebrating Easter for what it is supposed to represent, but we recognize and celebrate Resurrection Day every LORD'S DAY



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- The reason why the church assembles together and worships on SUNDAY, the FIRST day of the week instead of SATURDAY, the SEVENTH day of the week (i.e.- the Sabbath) as the Jews do, is because our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the FIRST day of the week
- The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest event and miracle in all of human history and among the most attested and confirmed- with over 500 eyewitnesses and a written record preserved for 2,000 years (i.e.- the Bible)

### WHO/WHAT ATTESTS TO THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

- 1) Jesus Christ- the Lord foretold his resurrection on six separate occasions and confirmed it on another occasion (Matt 16:21; 17:9,22-23; 20:19; 26:32; Luke 24:46; John 2:19)
  - 2) Angels (Matt 28:5-7; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:5-7)
  - 3) Witnesses (Mark 16:9-14; 1 Cor 15:5-8), primarily the apostles (Acts 1:22; 2:32; 3:15; 4:33; 10:40-41; 13:31)
  - 4) The word of God (Mark 16:9; John 20:9; Rom 8:34; 1 Cor 15:20)
- In spite of all the evidence, there has always been people who do not believe that Jesus rose from the dead



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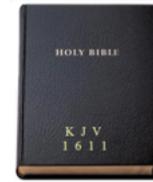
- The Jewish sect called the Sadducees denied there was any resurrection (Matt 22:23; Acts 23:8) and in Paul's day, some among the church of Corinth did not believe in the resurrection of the dead (1 Cor 15:12)

## 1 Cor 15:12

Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

- Today, many in secular society deny there is a resurrection and specifically, the resurrection of Jesus, as do world religions including Islam and Judaism (Matt 28:11-15)
- The resurrection of Jesus is either historical FACT or historical FICTION, there is no middle ground or gray area; it is either the greatest event and miracle in all of human history or it is the greatest deception and sham in all of human history
- The ramifications of the truth could not be any greater and EVERY person must choose what they believe in light of the evidence of WITNESSES and the WORD OF GOD

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## If Jesus Christ **DID NOT** rise from the dead...(1 Cor 15:13)

### 1 Cor 15:13-19

13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

32 If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.

- 1) Jesus is not who he said he was but was a liar, blasphemmer, and false prophet
- 2) The word of God, the Bible, is a book of lies and blasphemies
- 3) All preaching has been in vain (1 Cor 15:14)
- 4) Our faith has been in vain (1 Cor 15:14,17)
- 5) All Christian sacrifice and suffering for Christ's sake has been in vain (1 Cor 15:30-32)



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- 6) The apostles were false witnesses and deceivers (1 Cor 15:15)
- 7) All Christians are deluded and deceived, and are false witnesses (1 Cor 15:15) that perpetrate a falsehood as fundamental and eternal truth
- 8) We are all spiritually dead in our sins (1 Cor 15:17)
- 9) Our loved ones who have died physically have perished forever (1 Cor 15:18)- there is no option whereby we live happily ever after with our loved ones in an afterlife without the resurrection of Jesus Christ
- 10) We have no hope beyond this life (1 Cor 15:19)
- 11) Christians are the most miserable people on the earth (1 Cor 15:19)
- 12) Baptism is a worthless ritual (1 Cor 15:29) cf. (Rom 6:4; Col 2:12)
- 13) There is no gospel (i.e.- “good news”) of Jesus Christ (1 Cor 15:1-4)

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## But Jesus Christ **DID** rise from the dead...(1 Cor 15:20)

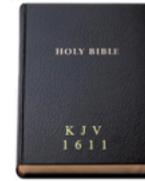
1) Jesus Christ is the SON of God (Rom 1:4)- he is who he said he was

### Rom 1:4

And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

- This means the Muslim's Allah and Koran are liars and false witnesses because they proclaim that there is no "begotten Son of God"
- This means the Mormon Church and Jehovah's Witnesses, among many other false churches and cults, are also false witnesses because they deny the deity of Jesus Christ
- Jesus Christ is THE WAY, the truth, and the life, and no man comes to the Father but by him (John 14:6)
- This means the Roman Catholic Church is a false witness because they teach Mary is a mediatrix and that people can get to God through her
- The resurrection of Jesus was a demonstration of divine POWER

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## **Eph 1:19-20**

**19** And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

**20** Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

## **John 10:18**

No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

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2) Jesus Christ was a SINLESS man (Acts 2:24) cf. (Rom 6:23)

## Acts 2:24

Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

- Death could not hold Jesus after he paid for our sins because the wages of SIN is death, and Jesus was himself sinless (2 Cor 5:21; 1 Pet 1:19; 2:22; 1 John 3:5)
- Mohammed, Buddha, Lenin, Mao, and every other man is DEAD because they are SINNERS who can't save anyone

## 2 Cor 5:21

For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

## 1 Pet 2:22

Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

## 1 John 3:5

And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.



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3) God the Father is SATISFIED with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our sins (Isa 53:11; Rom 3:25; 1 John 2:2; 4:10)

### Isa 53:11

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

### 1 John 2:2

And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins* of the whole world.

- The Jews knew that God accepted their sacrifice on the day of atonement for remission of their sins that year if the high priest CAME FORTH OUT of the holy place under his own power; so, we know that God accepted the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross for remission of our sins forever because Jesus Christ CAME FORTH OUT of the grave
- If the sacrifice of Jesus Christ was not acceptable for any single SIN for any single PERSON, then he would not have risen from the dead



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- 4) Those who believe are justified (i.e.- eternally SAVED) (Isa 53:11; Acts 13:39; Rom 4:25; Heb 5:9)

## **Rom 4:25**

Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

## **Isa 53:11**

He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

## **Acts 13:39**

And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

## **Heb 5:9**

And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;



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5) We have a hope (1 Cor 15:19; 1 Pet 1:3)

## **1 Cor 15:19**

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

## **1 Pet 1:3**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

6) Jesus Christ is the SAVIOR of all men (John 14:6; Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25)

## **John 14:6**

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

## **Rom 8:34**

Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

## **Heb 7:25**

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.



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7) Jesus Christ is the RULER of all men (Rom 15:12)

## **Rom 15:12**

And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.

8) Jesus Christ is the JUDGE of all men (Acts 17:31) cf. (John 5:22; 2 Tim 4:1)

## **Acts 17:31**

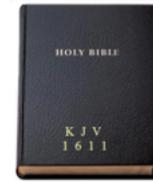
Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

## **John 5:22**

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

## **2 Tim 4:1**

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;



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9) The resurrection of all men (1 Cor 15:21-24) cf. (Dan 12:2; Luke 14:14; John 5:29; Acts 24:15; Rev 20:5-6)

## 1 Cor 15:21-24

21 For since by man came death, **by man came also the resurrection** of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ shall all be made alive.**

23 But **every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.**

24 **Then cometh the end**, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

The resurrection of the <b>SAVED</b>	The resurrection of the <b>LOST</b>
The first resurrection (Rev 20:5-6)	The last resurrection (Rev 20:5)
The resurrection to everlasting life (Dan 12:2)	The resurrection to shame and everlasting contempt (Dan 12:2)
The resurrection of life (John 5:29)	The resurrection of damnation (John 5:29)
The resurrection of the just (Luke 14:14; Acts 24:15)	The resurrection of the unjust (Acts 24:15)
A better resurrection (Heb 11:35)	A worse resurrection

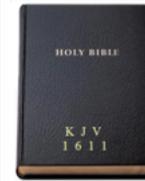


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- Jesus Christ is: (1) the **FIRSTFRUITS** (1 Cor 15:20) cf. (Matt 27:52-53); (2) the **FIRSTBORN AMONG MANY BRETHREN** (Rom 8:29); (3) the **FIRSTBORN OF EVERY CREATURE** (Col 1:15); (4) the **FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD** (Col 1:18); (5) the **FIRSTBEGOTTEN OF THE DEAD** (Rev 1:5); and (6) the **BEGINNING OF THE CREATION OF GOD** (Rev 3:14)
- Because he lives, we shall live also (John 14:19)

## Conclusion

- 1) If the Lord Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead then everyone (saved and lost alike) should **GIVE IT UP** and **LIVE IT UP** (1 Cor 15:32)
- 2) If the Lord Jesus Christ **DID** rise from the dead (and he did), then the saved should **WALK IT** (Rom 6:4,11; Col 2:6; 1 John 2:6) and **TALK IT** (Acts 1:8; 4:33) and the lost should **BELIEVE IT** and **RECEIVE IT**



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