

JESUS' RESURRECTION IS REASONABLE

INTRODUCTION

The event is recorded in (Luke 23:50 - 24:8)

What if the women were told, "He's still here, and I'm glad you came to see."?

MAJOR TRUTHS (CONSEQUENCES / BLESSINGS) OF THE RESURRECTION

1. (1 Corinthians 15:12-13) "if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?"

1) (v13) "But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen"

If Jesus wasn't raised, then we will forever remain in our tomb.

If Jesus wasn't raised, then the grand resurrection is eliminated.

2) (v14) "And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty ... "

"Empty" - without substance, worthless, hollow, of no value, futile.

3) (v14) "... and your faith is also empty."

You put your faith and hope in an empty message if Jesus was not raised.

If no resurrection, our faith is in a Man who remains in the tomb.

4) (v15) "Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ ... "

(v1-4) "I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died ... He was buried ... He rose again the third day ... "

(v5) "He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve"

(v6) "After that He was seen by over 500 brethren at once ... "

(v7) "After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles."

Too many witnesses for the resurrection of Jesus; the event happened.

5) (v16) "For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen."

Jesus' resurrection is proof that there will be a resurrection of the dead.

6) (v17) "And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile, you are still in your sins"

Back to (v3) "that Christ died for our sins." Note: (Matthew 1:21)

7) (v18) "Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished"
 The believers who died in faith, have perished, and will remain in their graves.

8) (v19) "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, ... the most pitiable."

If no resurrection, our earthly life of hope is empty, and "faith is futile."

(v20) "But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become
 the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep."

9. If Jesus is still in the tomb, it means He lied during His ministry.

(Matthew 12:40 and 16:21)

10. If Jesus is still in the tomb, there's no proof of being God's Son with power.

(Romans 1:3-4) "declared to be the Son of God ... by the resurrection ... "

11. If Jesus is still in the tomb, no gospel message to preach: (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

12. If Jesus is still in the tomb, then baptism loses its "likeness."

(Romans 6:3-5) "... buried with Him through baptism into death ...
 walk in newness of life ... For if we have been united together in the likeness
 of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection ... "

13. If Jesus is still in the tomb, then when observing the Lord's supper, it means
that we are remembering a dead Man still in a tomb.

(1 Corinthians 11:25-26) "... This do in remembrance of Me. For as often
 as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death
 till He comes."

14. If Jesus is still in the tomb, we lose hope of a resurrected body like His.
 (Philippians 3:20-21 and 1 John 3:2)

15. If Jesus is still in the tomb, there's no church (His body).
 (Matthew 18:18; Ephesians 1:19-23 and 4:4)

16. If Jesus is still in the tomb, then we cannot enjoy the promise of His return.
 (John 14:1-3)

CLOSE: Praise God for the words, "He is not here. He is risen;" also,
 that Resurrection is a guarantee that we will be raised in the last great day.