

- Without the resurrection of Christ from the dead, our faith is vain, 1 Cor. 15:14, 17.
- The good news isn't complete without the resurrection of Jesus, 1 Cor. 15:3-4.
- Jesus predicted His death and resurrection three times in Mark, Mk. 8:31; 9:31; 10:33.
- Acts proclaims Christ Resurrected.
- The Epistles proclaim the work of Christ on His throne in heaven.
- The Revelation declares the risen Savior and His return to rule His Kingdom on earth.
- Jesus declares that He is the Way, Truth, and Life, no one comes to the Father except through Him, John 14:6.

3 Questions That We Must Answer About Christ:

- There is no description of the resurrection in the Gospels. Mark compresses the events of the resurrection and focuses on three women. These women watched the crucifixion and had bought spices to anoint the body of Jesus after Sabbath had passed, Mk. 16:1. V2, early on Sunday, they went to Jesus' tomb to anoint His body.
 - The Father didn't allow His body to experience corruption, Psalm 16:10.
 - The large stone (likely 1-3 tons) had been rolled away from the tomb by the angel along with a great earthquake. The tomb was guarded and sealed, Matt. 27:65-66, 28:2 & 4.
 - The angel, robed in white, showed the women that Jesus the Nazarene was not there.
 - White is the primary color of heaven. It demonstrates purity, holiness, innocence, and righteousness. When Jesus was transfigured in Matt. 17:2, His garments became as white as light. Jesus is seen in Revelation with white hair, Rev. 1:14. The saints are seen with white robes in heaven, Rev. 3:4; 4:4; 6:11; 19:14.
 - We need white robes, because Romans 3:23 says, that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
 - We have whitewashed tombs that appear clean, but inside we are dead and unclean, just as Jesus described the Pharisees, Matt. 23:27, also Isaiah 64:6.
- **Question #1: Who Will Reconcile Me to God?** Mk. 16:6, Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified, dead and buried, and has risen again, also 1 Cor. 15:3-4. V7, Jesus appeared to more than 500 brothers in Galilee after His resurrection, 1 Cor. 15:6. He told them to go and make disciples, Matt. 28:19-20.
- **Question #2: Who Will Take Away My Fear of God?** V8, in response the women fled for their lives and went and told Peter and the disciples. Jesus is the judge of all mankind, Rev. 20:11, John 5:22. Fear is the proper response to the great actions of Almighty God, Mk. 4:41; 5:15; 5:33; 9:6.
- **Question #3: Who Will Roll Away the Stone from My Tomb?** The Father (Acts 2:32), Son (John 10:17), and Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:11) all raised Jesus from the dead. He was sufficient in Himself to raise Himself from the dead.
 - I must have Jesus raise me from the dead. My spirit will be separated from my body and only Jesus can raise me up again.
 - Who will make me white as snow? Jesus reconciled me to the Father by His death and resurrection, Rom. 5:10, 2 Cor. 5:18.

Further Discussion and Application

The Lord has promised to raise us up and meet us in the air, 1 Thess. 4:16-18. How do we know the sacrifice of Christ was accepted by the Father? Why is the blood of Christ sufficient and why does it satisfy the wrath of God? Because Jesus' sacrifice was received, we can be sure of the other promises God has made. What are those promises?

What is the peace that we have as believers in Christ? How do we have peace about our coming death (if the Lord tarries)? What peace do we have in our prayers to Him? Why can we be sure that God has heard our prayers? What is Jesus doing now on our behalf before the Father?

Read Ephesians 1:3-14. What are the promises we receive from God in this passage? What has He given us to seal us and ensure our future resurrection?

Read Colossians 1:15-23. What is the character of God detailed in this passage? Why can God give His word to us about our future acceptance and resurrection in Christ? Why will we be ready for our meeting with the Invisible God? How will we continue to remain steadfast and faithful in the truth of the Gospel?

There is a day coming when Jesus will be seen by all, and all will bow before Him, Philippians 2:9-11. Why is the assurance of this day also a great warning to us and unbelievers? What happens if we fail to prepare for that day? What happens to those who fail to honor the Lord by humbling themselves? How can we be ready for that day? How should we live this life? What should be our focus in life (1 John 2:15-17, Colossians 3:1-10)?