

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Old Testament:

- Implied in the Binding of Isaac (Gen 22; Heb 11:19)
- Typology of Joseph (Gen 37-50)
- Aaron's Rod / Staff (Num 17:1-11)
- Job 19:25-27
- Psalm 2:7 & 16:10 & 22:22-31
- Ps 118:22 – cornerstone (see also Is 28:16; Mt 21:42; Mk 12:10; Lk 20:17; Acts 4:11; Eph 2:20; 1 Pet 2:6-7)
- Jonah 2 (see also Mt 12:39-40; 16:4)
- Hosea 6:2
- Implied in Isaiah 53: See Is 52:13; 53:10-12
- Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Valley of Dry Bones)
- Daniel 12:2-3
- 2 Macc 7:9, 11, 14, 23, 29, 33
- Restoration: Coming up from the Red Sea, Return from Exile, Vindication of the Faithful, etc.

Basic Points about the Resurrection of Jesus in the New Testament:

- All books of the New Testament are written after, and in light of, the Resurrection of Jesus.
- Jesus foretold His Resurrection.
- Jesus appeared many times to His disciples over a forty-day period before ascending into Heaven.
- Resurrection narratives are found at the end of each Gospel.
- Resurrection proclamations are found throughout the New Testament.
- The significance of the Resurrection is expounded in various passages.

Resurrection Proclamations:

- “Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you” (Mk 16:6-7).
- “Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you” (Mt 28:5-7).
- “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise” (Lk 24:5-7).
- “I have seen the Lord” (Jn 20:18).

Audience – Jews versus Gentiles

References to the Resurrection of Jesus in the New Testament

Gospels	<p>Jesus miraculously raises people from the dead (has the power to do this):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referenced by Jesus: Mt 11:5; Lk 7:22 • Daughter of Jairus: Mk 5:21-43; Mt 9:18-26; Lk 8:40-56 • Widow's son at Nain: Lk 7:11-17 • Lazarus: Jn 11 <p>Passion Predictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st: Mt 16:21; Mk 8:31; Lk 9:22 • 2nd: Mt 17:23; Mk 9:31 • 3rd: Mt 20:19; Mk 10:34; 18:33 <p>Parable of Lazarus and Dives: Lk 16:19-31 I will take it up again: Jn 10:17-18 Cornerstone: Mt 21:42; Mk 12:10; Lk 20:17 Raising Up the Destroyed Temple of His Body: Jn 2:19-22 Resurrection Narratives: Mk 16; Mt 28; Lk 24; Jn 20-21</p>
Acts	<p><i>Resurrection</i>: Acts 1:22; 2:31; 4:2, 33; 17:18 <i>On Trial for the Resurrection of the Dead</i>: Acts 23 & 24 <i>God raised him</i>: Acts 2:24, 32; 3:7, 15, 26; 4:10; 5:30; 10:40; 13:30, 33-34, 37; 17:31 "Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?" -Acts 26:8</p>
Romans	1:4; 4:24-25; 6:4-5, 8-11; 8:11, 17, 34; 10:9; 14:9
1 Corinthians	6:14; 15:4-8, 12-23
2 Corinthians	1:5 (implied), 9 (general); 4:10 (implied); 5:15
Galatians	1:1; 2:20 (implied);
Ephesians	1:20; 2:6
Philippians	2:9; 3:10, 20-21
Colossians	1:18; 2:12; 3:1-4
1 Thessalonians	1:10; 4:14; 5:10
2 Thessalonians	X
1 Timothy	X
2 Timothy	1:10; 2:8, 11-12
Titus	2:7 (implied)
Philemon	X
Hebrews	1:3 (implied); 5:9 (implied); 6:2; 11:19; 12:2 (implied); 13:20
James	2:1 (implied); 5:15 (implied)
1 Peter	1:3, 21; 3:18, 21
2 Peter	X
1 John	2:1 (implied)
2 John	X
3 John	X
Jude	X
Revelation	1:18; implied throughout in the figure of the Lamb

God raised Him

- Acts 2:24, 32; 3:7, 15, 26; 4:10; 5:30; 10:40; 13:30, 33-34, 37; 17:31
- Rom 4:24-25; 8:11; 10:9; 1 Cor 6:14; 15:15; 2 Cor 4:14; Gal 1:1; Eph 1:20; 2:6; Col 2:20; Heb 11:19; 1 Pet 1:21

Christ was raised

- Rom 6:4, 9; 7:4; 8:34; 1 Cor 15:4, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20; Col 3:1

Resurrection Narratives

- Mt 28
- Mk 16
- Lk 24
- Jn 20-21

Common elements

Unique elements

Place: Jn 19:20 & 41

Duration: Acts 1:30

Ascension:

- Ps 47:5; 132:8; Mk 16:19-20; Jn 6:61-62; Jn 12:32; 16:7, 28; 20:17; Acts 1:9-11; Eph 4:8-10; Col 3:1-3; Hebrews 9:12, 24

Right Hand of God / Father:

- Mt 26:64; Mk 14:62; 16:19; Lk 22:69; Acts 2:33-34; 5:31; 7:55-56; Rom 8:34; Eph 1:20; Heb 1:3; 1:13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; 1 Pet 3:22

Post-Ascension Appearances:

To Stephen

- Acts 7:56

To Paul

- Conversion: Acts 9:3-7; 22:6-9; 26:13-15; 1 Cor 9:1; 15:8; Gal 1:12; Eph 3:3
- Other appearances: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Gal 2:2

To the Galatians

- Galatians 3:1

To John

- Revelation 1-3 & 19:11-16 & “the Lamb”

Significance of the Resurrection:

- See especially: Romans 6 & 8; 1 Corinthians 15; Colossians 3; 1 Peter
 - In order that we may bear fruit for God – Rom 7:4
 - Intercedes for us at God’s right hand – Rom 8:34
 - Will be saved (if you believe and confess) – Rom 10:9
 - 2 Cor 5:15 . . . 17
 - Eph 2:6
 - You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him – Col 2:12
 - Seek the things that are above – Col 1:1-4
 - 2 Tim 2:10-11
 - Born anew through 1 Pt 1:3
 - So that your faith and hope are in God 1 Pt 1:21
 - Baptism: Appeal to God for a clear conscience 1 Pt 3:21-22
 - Behold, I make all things new Rev 21:5
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Objections:

1. Jesus didn’t really die.
2. Jesus wasn’t really buried.
3. Jesus did die, but His body was not buried in the tomb.
4. His opponents took his body.
5. His disciples took the body and made up the story of the Resurrection.
6. The appearances of Jesus were wishful thinking and a figment of their imagination.
7. The whole story was completely made-up.

How respond to these objections?

Summary Points

- All the books of the New Testament were written in the second half of the first century.
- Jesus lived in the first half of the first century.
- There were most probably eyewitnesses still alive during the writing of all the books of the New Testament.
- The New Testament is unanimous in its claim that Jesus was really raised bodily to an indestructible life.
- The Resurrection of Christ is a central claim of the New Testament, and is a revolutionary and saving event for humanity.
- All are called to respond in repentance, faith, and baptism to the Resurrection of Jesus, and to let the Resurrection of Christ empower them to live in newness and holiness of life.
- The Resurrection of Jesus points to and will cause the future resurrection to eternal life for believers.