

Living Proof

1. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is proof that there is life after death.

-Raising dead people, ie., Lazarus, was a sign pointing to something greater.

-Resurrection is from death to eternal life. All those raised from the dead as a sign, eventually died after they were raised. They're waiting for the resurrection of the dead.

-annihilation, the root of which is "nihil", Latin for "nothing", is out of the question.

-reincarnation, the soul leaving the human body and occupying another body, human, animal, plant, is out of the question.

“Dear friends, let me give you clearly the heart of the gospel that I’ve preached to you—the good news that you have heartily received and on which you stand. For it is through the revelation of the gospel that you are being saved, if you fasten your life firmly to the message I’ve taught you, unless you have believed in vain. For I have shared with you what I have received and what is of utmost importance: The Messiah died for our sins, fulfilling the prophecies of the Scriptures. He was buried in a tomb and was raised from the dead after three days, as foretold in the Scriptures. Then He appeared to Peter the Rock and to the twelve apostles. He also appeared to more than five hundred of His followers at the same time, most of whom are still alive as I write this, though a few have passed away. Then He appeared to Jacob[James]and to all the apostles.”

1 Corinthians 15:1-7 TPT

“For if there is no such thing as a resurrection from the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, all of our preaching has been for nothing and your faith is useless.

And if Christ is not alive, you are still lost in your sins and your faith is a fantasy.

If the only benefit of our hope in Christ is limited to this life on earth, we deserve to be pitied more than all others! But the truth is, Christ is risen from the dead, as the firstfruit of a great resurrection harvest of those who have died.”

1 Corinthians 15:13-14, 17, 19-20 TPT

- 2. You can't believe in the Resurrection without believing in what comes after it. The Judgments, containing rewards for those who died in Christ, and eternal damnation, for those who rejected Christ and died in their sins.**

“Every human being is appointed to die once, and then to face God’s judgment.”

Hebrews 9:27 TPT

“For we [believers will be called to account and] must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be repaid for what has been done in the body, whether good or bad [that is, each will be held responsible for his actions, purposes, goals, motives—

the use or misuse of his time, opportunities and abilities].”

2 Corinthians 5:10 AMP

“And I saw a great white throne and the One sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from His presence, but they found no place to hide. I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God’s throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.”

Revelation 20:11-15 NLT

I'm not responsible to making you believe something, or to manipulate you into putting your faith in God's word. You have a free will that God already gave you and you can choose what to believe.

God gave you a measure of faith and you can invest in anything you choose.

My calling is to proclaim the Good News. Jesus is alive! He was resurrected, never to experience death ever again.

He was crucified, dead, buried, and resurrected, so that you could be saved, born again as a child of God, and live in perfect relationship with Him forever.

His resurrection proves that you are going to be resurrected someday, too. And when that happens, you're either going to stand before Him having received His saving grace and died in faith, or having rejected Him, and died in your sins.

Two things are certain. The dead will live again and receive their final judgments and eternal sentences. For those who die in Christ, the righteous judgment in Eternal Life.

For those who die in their sin, the righteous judgment is a second, final death. Every soul will experience conscious separation from God for all eternity.

The resurrection destroys my fear of death. The same Holy Spirit that raised Christ from the dead, is going to raise me up, too.

The resurrection means that my Savior lives, so He has all power to keep His promises to me of eternal life with no sin, no sickness, no sadness, and no separation.

On that first resurrection day, the responses varied, some rejoiced greatly, others were filled with fear, dread, and a desire to make it all go away. But no one could make it go away then, and no one can make go away now.

Right now, be honest with yourself. Which group are you in?