

Matthew 28:1-15  
The Necessity and Glory of the Resurrection

**The Historicity of the Resurrection**

The four gospels

The rest of the New Testament

The writings of Jewish and Pagan historians

Inference to the best explanation

These three truth are:

1. The tomb in which Jesus was buried was discovered empty by a group of women on the Sunday following the crucifixion.
2. Jesus' disciples had real experiences with one whom they believed was the risen Christ.
3. As a result of the preaching of these disciples, which had the resurrection at its center, the Christian church was established and grew.

**The Accomplishment of the Resurrection**

Heidelberg Catechism # 17

Question: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

Answer: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

1. Jesus overcame death so that we can share in the righteousness He won for us by His death.

Without the resurrection nothing has been conquered other than Jesus.

2. By the power of Jesus believers are already resurrected to a new life
3. The resurrection of Jesus is a guarantee of our future resurrection and glorification

Jesus was born so that we would one day be born again.

**The Application of the Resurrection**

1. Rejecting the resurrection is a rejection of God and His Gospel
2. The resurrection places Christ at the center of your life, not your religious accomplishments
3. The resurrection of Jesus makes everything meaningful.