

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

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What Makes Jesus Unique?

1. He is, despite humble origins, the most quoted/ studied/**influential person in history.**
2. He is respected across religions and philosophies, **even among those who reject his divinity.**
3. The texts portraying his life have been copied/translated/distributed **more than any others.**
4. **His life became the reference point for the most widely used global calendar system.**
5. **He changed the course of civilizations,** holding no political, military, or institutional power.
6. His care for those marginalized **reshaped moral thinking and still influences modern ideas.**
7. **He has inspired global movements in education, healthcare, charity, and social reform.**
8. **He has inspired far more art, music, literature, and architecture than any other individual.**
9. A public ministry of **only 3½ years** produced a legacy that has endured **for over 2 millennia.**
10. His movement expanded rapidly **after his execution rather than collapsing with his death.**

Jesus’s resurrection wasn’t meant to merely baffle or astound us.
It was meant to **transform us** and **set us free** – and to provide **eternal life**
for anyone who receives Jesus as King!

HIS RESURRECTION MATTERS FOR YOU AND ME:

JOHN 14:19

“Because I live, **you also will live.**”

ROMANS 8:11-12

...**he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life** to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you...¹² **you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do.**

1 PETER 1:3–4

“Praise be to God....In his great mercy he has given us **new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,** and into an inheritance that can never perish...”

JOHN 11:25-26

Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. **Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.**”²⁶ Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. **Do you believe this?”**

EPHESIANS 2:4–9

God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵that even though we were dead because of our sins, **he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead...**⁸ God saved you by his grace **when you believed.** And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

CAN I PRAY FOR YOU?

WRITE ON YOUR CONNECT CARD... (A, B, or C) TOSS INTO A ‘GIVE’ BARREL NEAR THE DOOR.

- A. I believe Jesus is real and He is alive **but I’m not living like it – and I want to!**
- B. I’m not yet a Jesus follower-but this has my attention. **I want prayer that He’ll open my heart.**
- C. **I now see Jesus as my King!** I’ll turn from my sin & follow Him- & trust only Him for eternal life!

FOR FURTHER STUDY...

SEE ALSO: ROMANS 10:9-10, 1 COR 15:22-23, 2 CORINTHIANS 4:14, PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-6 NLT (WRITTEN AROUND 22 YEARS AFTER THE RESURRECTION)
...Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴ He was buried, and he was raised...**he was seen by more than 500 of his followers** at one time, **most of whom are still alive...**

ACTS 1:1-3 NIV (WRITTEN BETWEEN 40-50 YEARS AFTER THE RESURRECTION)
After his suffering, he (Jesus) presented himself to them (His followers) and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. **He appeared to them over a period of forty days...**

Astonishing Claims Jesus Made About Himself

He claimed a unique, direct relationship with God as His Father. (JOHN 5:17-18)
He claimed to exist before Abraham—placing Himself outside normal human time. (JOHN 8:58)
He claimed unity with God in essence and identity. (JOHN 10:30)
He claimed to be the exclusive way to God. (JOHN 14:6)
He claimed authority to forgive sins—reserved for God alone in Jewish thought. (MARK 2:5-7)
He claimed that eternal life depends on how people respond to Him. (JOHN 3:16-18; JOHN 5:24)
He claimed He would rise from the dead by His own authority. (JOHN 2:19; JOHN 10:17-18)
He claimed He would judge all humanity at the end of time. (JOHN 5:22-23; MATTHEW 25:31-32)
He claimed that honoring Him is equivalent to honoring God. (JOHN 5:23)
He claimed to be the source of spiritual life for the world. (JOHN 6:35)
He claimed to be the light of the world—implying ultimate truth and guidance. (JOHN 8:12)
He claimed to have authority over life and death. (JOHN 11:25)
He claimed pre-existent glory with God before the world began. (JOHN 17:5)
He claimed that His words are eternal and will outlast heaven and earth. (MATTHEW 24:35)
He claimed to send God's Spirit to humanity. (JOHN 15:26; JOHN 16:7)
He claimed to possess authority over all of heaven and earth. (MATTHEW 28:18)

JESUS SAW THIS COMING! HE PREDICTED HIS OWN DEATH AND HIS RESURRECTION!

MATTHEW 16:21 SEE ALSO: MARK 8:31, LUKE 9:22
“From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and **on the third day be raised to life.**”

MATTHEW 17:22-23 SEE ALSO: MARK 9:31
“When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, ‘The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and **on the third day he will be raised to life.**’ And the disciples were filled with grief.”

MATTHEW 20:18-19 SEE ALSO: MARK 10:33-34, LUKE 18:31-33
“We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. **On the third day he will be raised to life!**”

MATTHEW 26:31-32 SEE ALSO: MARK 14:27-28
“Then Jesus told them, ‘This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.” But **after I have risen**, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.’”

JOHN 2:19-22
Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and **I will raise it again in three days.**”
They replied, “It has taken 46 years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?”
But the temple he had spoken of was his body. **After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said...they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.**

JOHN 10:17-18
“...**I lay down my life—only to take it up again.** No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down **and authority to take it up again...**”

JOHN 14:18-19
“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. **Because I live**, you also will live.”