

Raised for Our Justification
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“If one had any real evidence, that, indeed, Jesus did return from the dead, and that is the beginning of a dropping of a series of dominoes that takes us to all kinds of wonderful things. It assures an afterlife and all kinds of things that we would all hope are true.” -- Hugh Hefner

Jesus’ Death in the eyes of the world:

- An innocent man, who was a brilliant teacher, was put to Death.
- He was crucified by the religious elite and political leaders who were jealous of his popularity, and maybe were trying to keep an insurrection from breaking out that they thought he would insight.
- THE END

Jesus’ Death and Resurrection in the eyes of the Church:

- The blameless Son of God, who was the Savior of the World, who taught and showcased the attributes of God, who was God and was the Word made flesh, laid down his life in the place of any who would believe in him, and died to remove their sins and expunge their record before God. Jesus’ death also vanquished away the power of the enemy and the sting of death.
- A new covenant was signed between God and man and was signed with the blood of Jesus, who is now at the Father’s right hand in heaven. He died, was buried, and rose again. AND WE WILL BE RAISED AND JOIN HIM.
- ~~THE END~~

⇒ The Cross Alone was not sufficient without the Resurrection, and the Resurrection of Jesus is just as significant, if not more, than the Cross.

1 Cor 15:13-19

Reason #1 – Jesus’ Resurrection Upended the “Reign” of Satan

- **1 John 3:8b** The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

Reason #2 – Jesus’ Resurrection Cemented the Faith of his followers

Reason #3 – Jesus’ Resurrection Confirms Our Resurrection

- **1 Peter 1:3-5, 8-9**
- What happened to Jesus will happen to me.

Reason #4 – Jesus’ Resurrection Showcased His Own Justification

- **1 Tim 3:16**

Reason #5 – Jesus’ Resurrection Was for Our Justification

- **Romans 4:22-24**

⇒ Justification and Righteousness Happen at the moment of Belief

- **Romans 4:7-8**