

## **The Resurrection and Ascension**

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1. The Nature of Christ's resurrection: A Physical Body made \_\_\_\_\_. ([1 Corinthians 15:20](#), [23](#))
2. Both the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ Participated in the Resurrection ([Acts 2:24](#), [John 10:17](#))
3. Doctrinal Significance of the Resurrection
  - A. Jesus' Resurrection affirms the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's creation ([Genesis 1:31](#), [Romans 8:21](#))
  - B. Jesus' Resurrection ensures our \_\_\_\_\_. ([1 Peter 1:3](#))
  - C. Christ's resurrection ensures our \_\_\_\_\_ ([Romans 4:25](#))
  - D. Jesus' resurrection ensures that we will receive \_\_\_\_\_ resurrection bodies ([1 Corinthians 15:20](#))
4. The resurrection is \_\_\_\_\_. ([1 Corinthians 15:17-19](#))
5. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ into heaven ([Acts 1:9-11](#))
  - A. Jesus received the glory and honor that was previously his before his \_\_\_\_\_ ([John 17:5](#); [Philippians 2:9](#))
  - B. After his ascension, Jesus took his place at the \_\_\_\_\_ hand of God. ([Acts 7:56](#); [Hebrews 1:3](#))

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Paul calls Jesus the "firstfruits" of the resurrection. What does that image of "firstfruits" say to you about our own future?
2. Jesus' resurrection body was physical but perfected. How does that shape the way you picture eternal life?
3. Paul says if Christ wasn't raised, our faith is useless. Why do you think the resurrection is *that* central to Christianity?
4. How does the resurrection affirm that God's creation is "very good"? Does this change how we view the world around us?
5. How does the promise of having a resurrection body like Jesus' give you hope—or maybe even change how you handle life now?
6. The disciples actually *watched* Jesus ascend. Why do you think God wanted them to see it rather than just having him vanish?

7. Sometimes Jesus is pictured as **standing**, other times as **sitting** at God's right hand. How do those two images speak differently to you?