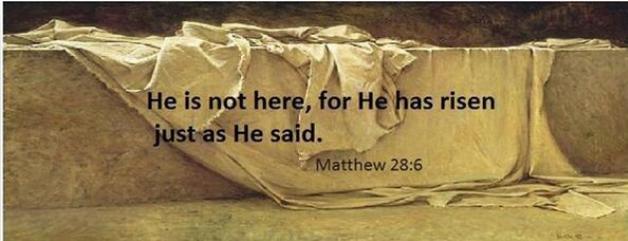


# The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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The cornerstone of Christianity is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Those who have sought to debunk



the Faith have known that this pivotal fact must be disproved. One 19th British Justice set out to do just that! He made a thorough study of the primary resource material – the Gospels – and came to the following conclusion: I have made a careful study of the material describing the resurrection presented by the original witnesses. I have come to the conclusion that this event in fact happened. I have secured a verdict in court on much less compelling evidence!

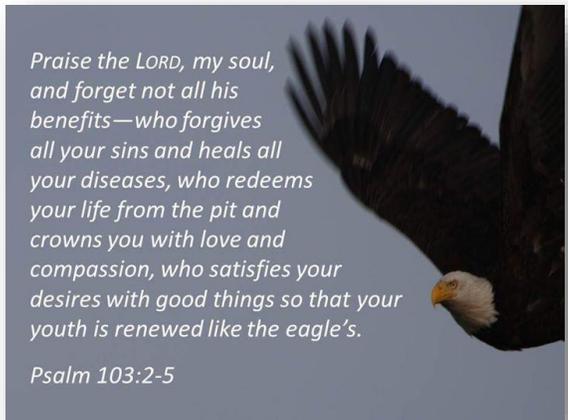
So... a skeptic becomes a staunch believer! Lucid presentations are available today, describing the resurrection event, including Anglican writers C.S. Lewis (“Mere Christianity”) and John Stott (“Basic Christianity”). However, no presentation is quite as compelling as the original eye-witness accounts in the Gospels! This is why the “Jesus Film” – a two-hour presentation of the story of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection – is one of the most powerful evangelism tools around the globe! Just the facts (according to the Gospels) with no editing, offers a compelling argument for Jesus’ claims with an invitation to follow Him as Lord.

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What’s the big deal about this anyway? Jesus’ victory over death is the beginning of a revolution. We too can enter into what our Lord has won for us. Jesus stated: I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, even though he may die, yet shall he live! (John 11:25)

There are many “benefits” of entering into covenant with God through Jesus Christ! Psalm 103: 2-5 lists some of the benefits the First Covenant people enjoyed with God –

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
And forget not all His benefits:  
**3** Who forgives all your iniquities,  
Who heals all your diseases,  
**4** Who redeems your life from destruction,  
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,  
**5** Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*,  
So *that* your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.



Hebrews 8:6 opines – He (Jesus Christ) is also mediator of a better covenant! The Prayer Book’s Eucharistic Prayer invokes this petition – And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

As a teenager, I would daydream in Church, often wishing I was elsewhere. However, the phrase, “and all other benefits of his passion...” would pique my interest. What are the benefits of Christ’s passion? For me? For others? Sadly, many do not enjoy the benefits of what Christ has accomplished on our behalf. If we began to enumerate and celebrate these, our Churches would be overflowing. This is happening in the 2/3’s world, even where Christians are being persecuted. Why? The Gospel is Good News for all!