

Who is Jesus

The Christ - Part 4 - His Resurrection

Points to Consider

1. Jesus Prophesied of His Death and Resurrection
2. Jesus' Prophecy Came True
3. The Proof

Jesus Foretells of His Resurrection

John 2:18-22 *So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" 19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" 21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body. 22 Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said. NKJV*

Jesus said that they would kill Him and that he would raise in three days.

Matt 12:38-41 *Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." 39 But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here. NKJV*

Jesus knew that some were asking for signs with an evil heart and wrong motives.

Jesus said that He would be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights.

Mark 8:31-33 *And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. 33 But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." NKJV*

After Jesus told His disciples that he would suffer, die and rise again, Peter rebuked Him.

Jesus returned the rebuke by telling Peter his thinking was **worldly**.

John 10:17-21 *"Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father." 19 Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings. 20 And many of them said, "He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him?" 21 Others said, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"*

Jesus said that **He** would lay down His life and take it again.

Jesus' Prophecy Comes True

Mark 8:31-33 *And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed...*

We are going to spend some time on the **suffering** savior in future lessons. Let's look at the rejection Jesus suffered by the elders, chief priests, and scribes.

Matt 21:14-17 *Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant 16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?" 17 Then He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and He lodged there. NKJV*

The chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things Jesus did, but they still **rejected** Him.

Their temple and their Sabbath were more important than their Savior.

Matt 26:3-5 *Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him. But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people."*

The three groups of men Jesus said would be responsible for his suffering and death **plotted** to take Jesus by trickery.

Matt 20:17-19 *Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, 18 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, 19 and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again." NKJV*

Matt 27:1-2 *When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. 2 And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.*

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Jesus foretold that He would be delivered to the **Gentiles** and they would mock Him, beat Him and crucify Him. Pilate was a Gentile!

Matt 27:27-31 *Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. 28 And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. 29 When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 30 Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. 31 And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.* NKJV

It happened **exactly** like Jesus said it would!

Matt 27:50 *And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.* NKJV

Mark 16:5-6 *And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.* NKJV

On the third day, Jesus took His life back!

The Proof

Matt 27:51-53 *Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.* NKJV

The first group of witnesses were the many saints who were **raised** from the dead.

The Second group of witnesses were the **many** people they appeared to.

John 20:6-8 *Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by*

itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. NKJV

Peter and John saw the **empty** tomb.

John 20:19-20 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. NKJV

Jesus appeared to **ten** of the apostles.

John 20:29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." NKJV

Thomas saw the risen Christ.

1 Cor 15:3-8 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. NKJV

Over **500** witnesses could verify the Lord's resurrection.

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