Essential Doctrines

of the Faith Series (Part 9)

“THE RESURRECTION: GOD’S SALVATION”

Answering the questions:

I. WHAT IS THE ‘RESURRECTION’?

>You’re Alive

 >You Die

 >You Come Back

 II. WHAT IS THE BIBLICAL EVIDENCE?

1. It was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in advance.

“6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned— every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? 9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.” Isaiah 53: 6-11

2. Jesus himself \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his own death, burial, and resurrection.

“31 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.” Mark 8: 31

“30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, 31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”

Mark 9:30-31

“33 See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. 34 And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.” Mark 10: 33-34

3. Jesus absolutely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the cross.

“30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. . . . 34 But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.” John 19: 30, 34

4. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a rich man’s tomb.

“38 After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. . . 41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.” John 19: 38, 41

5. Jesus resurrected, victorious over death.

“1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.5 And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise. 8 And they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, 11 but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.” Luke 24: 1-12

6. Jesus resurrection \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by many.

“3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ” 1 Corinthians 15: 3-8

III. WHAT IS THE CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE?

1. The disciples were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, then martyred.

2. The disciples remained \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus their entire lives.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the disciples offers evidence against them being liars.

4. The “Sabbath” changed from Saturday to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. People began worshiping Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Early church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like point to Jesus’ resurrection.

7. Stories around the resurrection do not imply \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. The tomb was not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because NOBODY WAS THERE!

9. Christianity comes into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a result of the resurrection.

IV. WHAT IS THE HISTORICAL EVIDENCE?

Josephus (37 AD ~100 AD)

V. WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY OBJECTIONS?

1. The ‘Swoon” theory.

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2. Jesus didn’t rise physically, he rose spiritually.

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 “39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” . . . he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate before them.” Luke 24: 39, 42-43

3. The disciples were only hallucinating Jesus’ resurrection.

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4. The Resurrection was a borrowed idea.

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IV. WHAT IS THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION?

“22 For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son,” John 5: 22

The Implications:

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