

# Resurrection Faith

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## **40 days of proof - Ac 1:1-3**

Ac 1:1-3 The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. 3 To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.

## **Peter's Pentecost Sermon Acts 2:22-36**

**Jesus, attested to you by God** with miracles, wonders and signs

Acts 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—

**Jesus was crucified, died and buried.**

Acts 2:23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

**Jesus is risen, we are witnesses**

Acts 2:24 "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

Acts 2:32-33 "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. 33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

**Scripture - prophetic promise**

Acts 2:25-31 "For David says of Him, 'I SAW THE LORD ALWAYS IN MY PRESENCE; FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, SO THAT I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN. 26 'THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL LIVE IN HOPE; 27 BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES, NOR ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY. 28 'YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH YOUR PRESENCE.' 29 "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 "And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE, 31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.

Acts 2:34-35 "For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, 35 UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.'"

**God has made Him both Lord and Christ!**

Acts 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified."

## **Jesus said He would be resurrected from the dead after three days.**

Jn 2:18-22 The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" But He

was speaking of the temple of His body. So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken. (Mat 12:38-40; 16:21; 17:9; 17:22-23; 20:18-19; 26:31-32; 27:62-63; Mk 8:31; 9:9-10; 9:30-32; 10:32-34; 14:27-28; 14:57-58; Lk 9:22)

## **Every Gospel gives careful details of His resurrection.**

(Mat 28; Mk 16; Lk 24; Jn 20-21).

## **Appearances of Jesus after His resurrection:**

The apostles give circumstantial accounts of the facts connected with the resurrection; in their public teaching they insist upon it. There are many different appearances of Jesus as the risen Lord recorded in the New Testament. They are as follows:

1. To Mary Magdalene alone at the tomb (Jn 20:11-18; 16:9-11).
2. To other women, Mary (Mark 16:1) Salome, Joanna, and others, as they returned from the grave (Mt 28:1-10; Mk 16:1-8; Lk 24:1-11).
3. Alone to Peter on the day of His resurrection (Lk 24:34; 1Cor 15:5.).
4. To the two disciples on the Emmaus road (Lk 24:13-35; Mk 16:12,13).
5. To the ten disciples (Thomas being absent) and others "with them," at Jerusalem on the evening of the resurrection day (Jn 20:19-24).
6. To the eleven disciples (Thomas being present) at Jerusalem (Mk 16:14-18; Lk 24:33-40; Jn 20:26-28 1Cor 15:5).
7. To the disciples when fishing at the Sea of Galilee (Jn 21:1-23).
8. To the eleven at an appointed place in Galilee (Mt 28:16-20).
9. To more than 500 at once ((1Cor 15:6)
10. To James (the brother of Jesus) (1Cor 15:7).
11. To the apostles immediately before the ascension (Mk 16:19; Lk 24:50-52; Ac 1:4-10).
12. To the apostle Paul (Saul) on the Damascus road (Ac 9:3-9,17; 1 Cor 15:8; 9:1).
13. It is implied in the words of Luke that there may have been other appearances of which we have no record (Ac 1:3)

It is also worthy to note that on these occasions the Lord offered His disciples opportunity of testing the fact of His resurrection.

He conversed with them face to face.

They touched him (Mat 28:9; Lk 24:39; Jn 20:27),

He ate bread with them (Lk 24:42,43; Jn 21:12,13)

## **The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is as Well-Attested as Any Event in History**

## **The resurrection declares that Jesus is the Messiah - Rom 1:1-4**

Rom 1:1-4 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, 4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,

### **Declared**

#### **From - Word Pictures in the New Testament; by Robertson**

Literally means to “marked off,” “defined,” “determined,” that is, “shown,” or “proved.”

He was the Son of God in his pre-incarnate state (2Cor 8:9; Phil 2:6) and still so after his Incarnation (Rom 1:3, “of the seed of David”), but it was the Resurrection of the dead, that definitely marked Jesus off as God’s Son.

The Resurrection of Christ is the miracle of miracles. “The resurrection only declared him to be what he truly was” (Denney).

#### **From - Romans; by Briscoe & Ogilvie**

the word “declared” meant not only that a declaration was made about His deity but that certain things happened which clearly established His deity (v. 4).

First, His position as Son of God was established “with power,” second, “according to the Spirit of holiness,” third, “by the resurrection from the dead”.

The extraordinary power of the Lord Jesus was exhibited in many instances, as He conquered sin, death, disease, natural elements, spiritual forces of wickedness, and even Satan himself.

#### **From - Wuest’s Word Studies**

Declared, “to mark out the boundaries or limits” of anything, “to appoint, decree, determine.”

**Thayer** says, “for although Christ was the Son of God before His resurrection, yet He was openly appointed (A.V. declared) such among men by this transcendent and crowning event.”

**Vincent** says, “As respecting Christ’s earthly descent, He was born like other men. As respecting His divine essence, He was declared.

### **Power** (from Romans; by Briscoe, & Ogilvie)

Lit., in power. Construe with was declared. He was declared or instated mightily; in a striking, triumphant manner, through His resurrection. (**Vincent** Word studies in the New Testament).

Man had done his foul worst and taken Christ into death via a cross and a tomb, but God had intervened and in a superlative display of the power of the Spirit had done His best. Man’s worst produced a dead Savior  
- God’s best, a risen Lord.

With arms outstretched, the Christ of Calvary had intercepted Saul on the road to Damascus and in living testimony to His risen power had exploded all Saul’s objections and shown Himself to be unequivocally the Son of God.

In his powerful explanation of the Resurrection addressed to the Corinthians, Paul made the uncontestable statement “if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty” (1Cor 15:14). In the ongoing proclamation of the gospel he stated the converse - since Christ is risen, our preaching and our faith have validity, because in the Resurrection God clearly placed before a watching world the unique Son of God who was dead but now lives in the power of an endless life. That Christ was alive Paul did not doubt - how could he after being confronted by Him on the Damascus Road? - and having

no doubts about the Resurrection, he had no doubts about Christ and the Good News of God centered in the person and the work of the One whom he delighted to call Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Romans** (by RH Mounce)

Verse 4 ends with a clear declaration that this Son of God is none other than “Jesus Christ our Lord.” Jesus is the Christ, the promised Messiah, God’s anointed Redeemer. He is also “our Lord.” He is our master; we are his subjects.

**The resurrection of Jesus secures the gospel promises** (Rom 1:1-4)

The resurrection is a public testimony of Christ’s release from his undertaking as surety, and an evidence of the Father’s acceptance of his work of redemption. It is a victory over death and the grave for all his followers. The importance of Christ’s resurrection will be seen when we consider that if he rose the gospel is true, and if he rose not it is false. His resurrection from the dead makes it manifest that his sacrifice was accepted.

His resurrection is a proof that he made a full atonement for our sins, that his sacrifice was accepted as a satisfaction to divine justice, and his blood a ransom for sinners. (Hodge)

**Our justification is secured** (Rom 4:25).

**The legal demands of the law against us are canceled** (Col 2:13-14).

**The price is paid for our ransom** (Ps 49:7-8; Mt 20:28; Mk 10:45; 1Tim 2:6).

**Our sins are forgiven** (Eph 1:7; Rom 4:6-8; Col 2:13; 1Jn 2:12).

**We are saved from the wrath of God** (Rom 5:9; Jn 5:24; 1Thes 1:10 5:9; Eph 2:3-5).

**We are loved by God** (Rom 5:6-10; Jn 15:13; 1Tim 1:16; Eph 5:2, 25; Gal 2:20).

**We are declared the righteous** (Rom 3:21- 26; 5:17-19; 2Cor 5:21).

**We have peace with God** (Rom 5:1; Isa 57:19; Jn 16:33).

**Healing of our physical bodies** (Isa 53:5; Mt 8:16-17; 1Pt 2:24).

**We have no condemnation, but a clear conscience** (Rom 8:1-2, 34-35; Heb 9:14; 1Pt 3:21).

**We are blessed in every area of life** (Rom 8:32; 1Cor 2:12; 2Pt 1:2-3).

It is also a pledge and an earnest of the resurrection of all believers (Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 6:14; 15:47-49; Phil. 3:21; 1 John 3:2).