

## The Resurrection of our Lord

Matthew 27:57-28:10; Mark 15:42-16:8; Luke 23:50-24:12; John 19:38-20:10

The Reports of Jesus' Resurrection: When Jesus died on the cross our sin problem was solved and by believing in him we can be at peace with God.

But not until Jesus rose from the dead was there any hope of life after death—so the story of Jesus' resurrection is a vital piece to the plan for our salvation.

Why is Jesus' resurrection so important?

First, the resurrection guarantees our completed regeneration - 1 Peter 1:3

**Precept:** The power of the resurrection of Jesus completed my regeneration. I will be resurrected when Jesus returns as God's final act in regeneration.

Second, the resurrection guarantees justification - Romans 4:23-25

**Precept:** When I stand before God I am covered by the finished work of Christ at the cross and because of his resurrection I will live for eternity.

Third, the resurrection guaranteed sanctification - Romans 6:4, 11-13; Acts 1:8

**Precept:** The resurrection of Jesus guarantees the gift of the Holy Spirit whose work in me is first the work of sanctification.

Fourth, the resurrection guarantees a future body and a future home with Jesus.  
1 Corinthians 6:14; 2 Corinthians 4:13-14

How should we respond to the resurrection?

First, 1 Corinthians 15:58 - Be faithful to God

Second, Corinthians 15:17-19; Colossians 3:1-4 - Anticipate Christ and his rewards

Third, Romans 6:11-13 - Battle sin with the Holy Spirit's help

**Conclusion:** 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 13b-17 - The resurrection of Jesus is intimately tied to our future resurrection; we can't have one without the other and Jesus' resurrection had to come first.

Two conversations between God and Satan (Job 1:8-12; 2:2-6) tell me that there is a spiritual world that is deeply involved in the physical world. Job 14:14 speaks of Job's hope for a blessed future in eternity, but verses 18-19 hint that something must come first - The Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The spiritual world stands over our world and the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the evidence.