

Resurrection Sunday 17 April 2022

“Do Not Be Afraid, He Has Risen, Just As He Said” *Matthew 28:5-7*

“We find that the chance that any man might have lived down to the present time and fulfilled all 8 prophecies is 1 in 10¹⁷ (1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000; 1 in 100 quadrillion)!”

Jesus Christ fulfilled 332 Messianic prophecies!

Today we celebrate Resurrection Day, a celebration of the One who gives us true life that comes from His death on the Cross; the place where Jesus died for our sins in our place as our sacrificial substitute for our eternal benefit.

It's truly amazing how quickly a crowd can turn on someone;

In just a few short days, popular opinion shifted from crying out to Him in adoration ‘Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord’, to screams of ‘Crucify Him’ in hateful disgust.’

The angel in *Matthew 28:2-4* who came to roll away the stone, rolled away the stone of an empty tomb.

The stone was not moved to let our Lord out because He could easily walk through solid material in His resurrection body; the stone was rolled away to let the world in to verify the fact of His resurrection!

The fact of the resurrection is based on the existence of the empty tomb and the validity and integrity of the witnesses who knew Jesus Christ very well and therefore, could not be deceived.

Jesus’ disciples would die rather than change their testimony about the resurrection and this speaks volumes of the competency of these eyewitnesses.

Without the resurrection of Jesus Christ, it is impossible for Him to be glorified; Jesus Christ must have a human body for His glorification.

The glorification of Jesus Christ depends upon His resurrection, ascension and His being seated at the right Hand of the Father as a human being.

It's the humanity of Christ at that point that becomes superior to all angelic creation, even though angels were created superior to mankind.

Jesus Christ in His humanity is glorified when He sits at the right Hand of the Father which is impossible apart from the resurrection of the humanity of Christ.

THERE ARE ONLY 2 RETURNS FROM THE DEAD:

1. Resuscitation means someone returns from the dead in a body of corruption and eventually dies again like Lazarus.

2. Resurrection means someone returns from the dead in a body of incorruption and never dies again.