

Why I Believe in the Resurrection

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- **Resurrection: a person who has died and supernaturally comes back to life**
- **How does this sound to someone from outside the church?**
- ... **Because I believe in the supernatural**
- ... **Because I believe the Bible:**
- **External and Internal Evidence Show the Bible is Reliable**
- ... **Because I believe what the Bible says**
- ... **Because Jesus demonstrated resurrection from death to life**
- **Therefore You can believe in resurrection**

I Believe in the Supernatural

Are you ready to explain why?

- The Big Bang is not explained by natural laws of science
- Diane Marshall lived 8 years beyond her (scientific) medical diagnosis
- Many supernatural occurrences probably happen around us frequently
- A supernatural Creator God can set aside the laws of nature

The alternative: a supernatural Creator of Infinite Power and Intelligence

- He is supernatural
- He is infinite
- He is creative
- He is intelligent
- He is personal and loving
- The Bible is our resource for knowing God our Creator
- He speaks to us about resurrection from death to life

I Believe in the Bible because of External Evidence

- The Septuagint - translated from Hebrew to Greek about 250 BC
- The Dead Sea Scrolls of Qumran - over 900 manuscripts
- Writings of the Early Church Fathers - Christian leaders in 1st few centuries
- Archaeological discoveries:
 - “Peter’s house” in Capernaum
 - Pool of Siloam
 - Hezekiah’s Viaduct (water tunnel)

I Believe the Bible because of Internal Evidence - comparing texts ~ 650 yrs apart

- Isaiah 53:5,11

But He was pierced through for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.

- Romans 5:8-10

But God demonstrates his own love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having been justified by his blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

The Bible - answers basic questions of our existence, for example:

- Our Creator God is perfect but He gave us freedom of choice
- Why mankind is so sinful and corrupted
- The hopelessness of trying to use religion to make ourselves “good enough” for God
- The certainty that we can be made perfect again by the grace and forgiveness of God through our Lord Jesus Christ
- A bright future with God in a new and resurrected body

The Bible Mentions Resurrection - life after death

- Job - As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that in the last He will take his stand upon the earth. Even after my skin is destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God Job 19:25-26
- Jesus quotes Exodus 3: Moses and God's conversation at the burning bush:
- "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." (Emphasis on the present tense) - I am still their God. "God is not the God of the dead but of the living." Mark 12: 26-27
- Daniel 12: (NIV) 2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

“I tell you a mystery... we will all be changed” - 1 Corinthians 15: 50-52

- ... flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51
Behold, I am telling you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed...

Jesus Demonstrated Resurrection

A. Jesus refers to himself as the Resurrection and the Life.

B. Jesus raised other people from death to life (Lazarus and the daughter of Jairus) John chapter 11:

John 11:25 (NASB 2020) Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; the one who believes in Me will live, even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”

Jesus himself was Resurrected to Life

- Luke 24: 36
- Jesus Himself suddenly stood in their midst and *said to them, “Peace be to you.” 37 But they were startled and frightened, and thought that they were looking at a spirit. 38 And He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why are doubts arising in your hearts? 39 See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, because a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you plainly see that I have.” 40 And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

Proofs of Jesus' Resurrection

- The Enemies of Jesus could not produce his body (empty tomb)
- The Disciples of Jesus were changed from fearful, uneducated, confused people to courageous, determined, and effective Gospel messengers
- The World has been changed for the better as millions believe on the resurrected Jesus

Your Own Resurrection - You Can Believe It!

- **All people who ever lived will be brought back to life to face God's judgment.**
- **Those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as their Personal Saviour will be forgiven their sins and saved from condemnation. Now is the time!**
- **John 3: 16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.**
- **Do you believe in resurrection? Have you put your trust in Jesus?**

Summary - I Believe in Resurrection Because:

- I believe in the Supernatural and a Supernatural Creator God
- I believe the Bible is reliable
- I believe what the Bible tells me about Resurrection
- I believe what the Bible tells me about Jesus' Resurrection
- We can believe in our own Resurrection through faith in Jesus