

## 1 Corinthians 15 & John 11:25

*Early on Sunday morning after the crucifixion, Jesus rises from the dead and makes several appearances to His followers. Over the next 40 days, Jesus meets with His followers revealing that He has atoned for sins and secured new life through His sacrifice and resurrection .*



**GOD:** The Son has conquered death (the results of human sin and rebellion). He gives the evidence of His resurrection by letting His followers see and touch his scars.

**HUMANS:** We are slow to believe and shocked – even though Jesus predicted His death and resurrection. Those who believe without seeing are blessed.

**Remember:** "Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection not in words alone, but in every leaf in springtime ." - **Martin Luther**

"The entire plan for the future has its key in the resurrection. " - **Billy Graham**

### Why does the resurrection matter?

The resurrection is the crowning event of all God's mighty works of **REDEMPTION**.

The **HOPE** of every true believer rests solidly on the historical reality of the resurrection.

### Biblical evidence for the resurrection:

- Jesus' resurrection was **PROPHESIED** 700 years earlier – Isaiah 53:8–12
- Jesus **PREDICTED** His resurrection – Matthew 12:38–40, Mark 8:31 & 9:30–32
- Jesus **DIED** (not passed out, "almost" died) – Mark 15:39, John 19:31–37
- Jesus was buried in a tomb that was easy to **FIND** – Matthew 27:57–61
- Jesus appeared **PHYSICALLY** three days later – Matthew 28:9, John 20:17, John 20:24–29
- Jesus' resurrection convinced His **FAMILY** to worship Him as God – John 7:1–5, Acts 1:14
- Jesus' resurrection was confirmed by His **ENEMIES** – Philippians 3:6/Acts 8:1/Acts 9

### Circumstantial evidence for the resurrection:

- Transformation of the **DISCIPLES** (finish the mission)
- **WOMEN** first to discover empty tomb (if lying about resurrection, not a good way to convince)
- No enshrined **TOMB** for Jesus (common practice to set up memorial to a "holy man")
- The early church **WORSHIPPED** Jesus
- The **PRACTICES** of the church were centered on resurrection (baptism/communion)
- The day of worship moved from Saturday to **SUNDAY** as reminder of Jesus' resurrection