

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Two questions.

1. How do we know that Jesus Christ rose from the dead?

2. What blessings come to us because of His resurrection?

What is the evidence for the resurrection?

- **1. The empty tomb.**
- **The stone was rolled away.**
- **Peter and John and the women saw that the tomb was empty.**
- **The grave clothes were intact.**

The empty tomb.

- **Unbelievers say:**
- **Jesus did not really die.**
- **The disciples stole Him.**
- **The authorities stole Him.**
- **Robbers stole Him.**

2. The post resurrection appearances.

- **Did the disciples hallucinate?**
- **More than eleven appearances over a six week period.**
- **He appeared in different settings to a variety of people including more than 500 at one time.**
- **The nature of the appearances: He ate with them, talked with them, showed them His scars etc.**

3. The transformation of the disciples.

- **From being frightened men, hiding in a locked room from the authorities, they burst out on to the streets, preaching Christ.**
- **Each disciple was closely identified with Christ, many of them dying a martyrs death.**
- **From them grew a collection of men and women who were passionately committed to Christ and spread His fame throughout the then-known world.**

4. Two thousand years of history.

- **What began in a small country in the Middle East has been taken to every corner of the world.**
- **There are now 2.38 billion Christians in the world, 1/3 of its population.**
- **There is currently incredible growth in the Southern Hemisphere especially, with major people groups also turning to Christ.**

What are the benefits that come to us?

- He defeated death, our great enemy, Romans 6:9.
- His resurrection ratifies His death.
- He justifies us, Romans 4:25.
- Because He lives we shall live also, John 14:19.

What are the benefits that come to us?

- **He brings us salvation, Romans 10:9.**
- **He has given us a new birth, 1 Peter 1:3.**
- **He is the judge of all men, Acts 17:13.**
- **He is Lord of both the dead and the living, Romans 15:9.**

What are the benefits that come to us?

- **He makes us spiritually fruitful, Romans 7:4.**
- **We are seated with Christ in heavenly places, Ephesians 2:6.**
- **He gives life to our bodies, Romans 8:11.**
- **There is hope of a resurrection to all, Acts 24:15, John 5:29.**