

A New Start

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The Historical Claims of the Resurrection

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

Luke 24:1

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

Luke 24:3

While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.

In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?”

“He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee:”

“The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.””

Luke 24:7

Then they remembered His words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.

*It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James,
and the others with them who told this to the Apostles.*

Luke 24:10

But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

Luke 24:11

Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

You can become a new person — the best version of your original design. (5:17)

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!*

Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

A man in Christ is a creature entirely renewed, for whom the old judgments have become a thing of the past. He now knows Christ as He truly is.

Philip Hughes

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

**You can live in a new way — for the
One who conquers death for all. (5:15)**

And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:15

**The reality of who I am radically
affects how I treat others.**

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

Christ died for me.

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

I died with Christ.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him.

We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:4

The love of Christ keeps Paul from living for himself and instead causes him to pour out his life for others.

David Garland

**You can see people with new sight —
based upon how God sees them. (5:16)**

*So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view.
Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.*

2 Corinthians 5:16

New Views

Up:

How do I view Christ?

In:

How do I view myself?

Out:

How do I view others?

“I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. I studied under Gamaliel and was thoroughly trained in the law of our ancestors. I was just as zealous for God as any of you are today.”

Acts 22:3

“I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison,”

Acts 22:4

“as the high priest and all the Council can themselves testify. I even obtained letters from them to their associates in Damascus, and went there to bring these people as prisoners to Jerusalem to be punished.”

“About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me.”

Acts 22:6

“I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, ‘Saul! Saul! Why do you persecute Me?’”

Acts 22:7

“‘Who are You, Lord?’ I asked. ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting,’ He replied.”

Paul had decided Jesus was a false messiah; a heretic and a rebel against Judaism; one worthy of death. Yet after his conversion, he saw Him for who He really is — God incarnate, the Savior, the Lord of Heaven, the true Messiah who alone fulfills all Old Testament promises and provides forgiveness for sin.

John MacArthur

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the Law, a Pharisee;

Philippians 3:5

as for zeal, persecuting the Church; as for righteousness based on the Law, faultless.

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

Philippians 3:7

What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ

Philippians 3:8

and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ — the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

Philippians 3:9

I want to know Christ — yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death,

Philippians 3:10

and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:11

The new creation not only helps us to *be* like Jesus but also to *see* like Jesus.

Pastor Bernie Simmons

God's verdict on our sin condemns us all and destroys any illusions of superiority or inferiority. Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female are all the same level before God.

David Garland

Our primary lens in viewing people is whether they are lost or found, new creation or old.

Pastor Zac Hess

The Personal Application of the Resurrection

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that One died for all, and therefore all died.

2 Corinthians 5:14

**Are you seeking the “improved” or
“transformed” version of yourself?**



**The old me is gone. This is the new me.
Who I was is not who I am.**

Every person who is in Christ is a new creation. This means that our mind, our character, and our relationships are all being renewed. We are God's children, Christ's disciples, and the Holy Spirit's temple. We belong to a new community, the family of God. We are God's heirs. Becoming a Christian is a transforming experience.

John Stott

**God offers a brand new reality
to those who are in Christ.**

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage...

Philippians 2:5-11

Rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:5-11

Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11