

Jesus Christ's Resurrection Represents Life-Giving Accomplishments

The bodily resurrection of Christ is a fundamental of Christianity. This means it defines the Christian faith. No one can be a Christian without it. -(1st Corinthians 15:14).

This may sound severe, but saying anything less neglects what the resurrection of Christ accomplished. Why does Christianity depend on the resurrection of Christ? What does it mean for us? It ought to be revered in humbled awe.

His resurrection represents life-giving meaning accomplishments:

1. To Declare Himself the Son of God

Jesus claimed the ability to raise His own self from the dead -(John 2:19). This is the power of God! He told Israel the sign that proved He was the Son of God would be His resurrection -(Matthew 12:39-40 – Jonah came out of the whale alive!).

Paul also testifies to this resurrection declaration in Romans 1:4. If He did not resurrect, then He was a liar, not the promised Christ, and not God manifest in the flesh.

2. Payment for Sins

You may be thinking that it was through His death and shed blood that He provided the atonement for sins, and you would be right. However, if He did not resurrect, His death would not mean anything -(1st Corinthians 15:17).

The resurrection of Christ not only proved He was the eternal God, the giver of all life, but that His work to pay for sins through His death was sufficient and complete. Without resurrection His death would have been a good effort, but would be like writing a check without money in the bank. It bounces.

His resurrection meant the check was cashed! The work was finished!

The surgery is not over until the doctor walks out of the surgery room. The cooking is not done until the turkey comes out of the oven. Your sins were not paid in full until Christ rose from the dead.

3. Salvation Offered

Jesus Christ is the Saviour. If the Saviour is still dead, then how would you know why He died, or that He died willingly, or that He died for you? Scripture describes Jesus as a mediator -(1st Timothy 2:5), but if the mediator is dead then future reconciliation is impossible.

Christ revealed the mystery of the gospel after His resurrection.

Christ could only offer free salvation by grace (His work for you) through faith if He had already finished the work, and He was not dead. If Christ is still dead, then our faith is dead, and so is any hope of salvation.

4. Righteousness Imputed

The resurrection of Christ proves His own righteousness. After dying for the sins of the world, if He were not perfectly righteous in so doing, He would not deserve to live again.

It is only by His resurrection that His righteousness can be imputed to us. The gospel does not stop with our sins being put on Christ, it must finish with His righteousness being imputed to us -(2nd Corinthians 5:21). Without Christ's resurrection in righteousness, we could never be justified by faith -(Romans 4:22-25).

5. Give Power of Eternal Life

Christ's bodily resurrection exhibited the power to raise humanity from the dead. The promise of eternal life would be nonsense if the Saviour ended His life with death never to live again. There is no life found in a dead Saviour.

The Lord Jesus Christ defeated death through His resurrection, alive forevermore, to guarantee life eternal. It is the power of His resurrection that He offers to us through the gospel. Without the bodily resurrection of Christ, we could not live the Christian life. There would be no life in Christ.

Life and immortality was only brought to light at the appearing of Christ after His resurrection -(2nd Timothy 1:10). Without Christ's resurrection we are all dead.

Conclusion of sort.

All of these things depend on the bodily resurrection of Christ. Without these things being accomplished we do not have any reason to worship Christ, preach Christ for salvation, declare righteousness in Christ or eternal life through Christ.

In summary, we would not be Christians unless Christ rose from the dead. It is no coincidence that most of these reasons are found in the epistles where the mystery of Christ is revealed.

It was Paul who said:

“Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:” -(2nd Timothy 2:8)

Christianity is not a religion filled with religious followers of a religious figure. The Christian faith rests on the resurrection. It is by that gospel of the resurrected Christ that we are saved.

A few days ago Pope Francis declared Mary as the bridge to Christ. Pope Francis pushes the need for an intermediary to justify his claim to temporal and spiritual power. There are no bridges to Christ Jesus; He has no gate-keeper, no answering machine, no executive secretary, no receptionist, no, He's the One!

That moment of when we acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord as the Risen Saviour is so demeaned by the cavalier attitude of most of those who claim His Promises, God saw the importance to present in the Word, specific word-pictures of his Risen Appearances. Each of these Post-Resurrection Appearances provides a portrait of physical locality relating to those who became his disciples that were transformed by His presence and words. Their experience enabled the disciples to be strengthened and encouraged to live as faithful and obedient servants. As a believer, I am only called to be obedient and faithful to Jesus Christ. Two little words – 'obedient' and 'faithful'. The implications are so profound as to be beyond our grasp at times.

Jesus is the Word, and reading His Word, is to be informed, the heart and mind become transformed such that it becomes incarnational in our spirit. To be alive today can be seen as the worst of times, and as the greatest of times!

Post-resurrection Appearances

1. To Mary Magdalene *John 20:14-18; Mark 16:9*
2. To the women returning from the tomb *Matthew 28:8-10*
3. To Peter later in the day *Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5*
4. To the disciples going to Emmaus in the evening *Luke 24:13-31*
5. To the apostles (except Thomas) *Luke 24:36-45; John 20:19-24*
6. To the apostles a week later (Thomas present) *John 20:24-29*
7. In Galilee to the seven by the Lake of Tiberias *John 21:1-23*
8. In Galilee on a mountain to the apostles and 500 believers *1 Corinthians 15:6*
9. At Jerusalem and Bethany again to James *1 Corinthians 15:7*
10. At Olivet and the ascension *Acts 1:3-12*
11. To Paul near Damascus *Acts 9:3-6; 1 Corinthians 15:8*
12. To Stephen outside Jerusalem *Acts 7:55*
13. To Paul in the temple *Acts 22:17-21; 23:11*
14. To John on Patmos *Revelation 1:10-19*

When I say that we are living in the best of times, and the worst of times, to quote Charles Dickens is close to his view of the world. We are at the end of the allotted God

designated six millennia God permitted man to rule and reign. **“How long Lord?”** is on the mind of so many these days. This expression is found **70** times in **21** verses of the King James Bible. In noting this pattern of God’s Covenant number **“7”** or divisible by **“7”**, It is another example of God’s Signature as to validate our hope, trust, and faith in His Sacred Word. No one knows precisely how many times this pattern is found in the KJV Bible. In my two volume eBook on *“The Inspired Word of God; Mathematically Proven True!”* you will find thousands of examples, structured in 9 unique levels of application throughout Scripture,

I was hoping we might have left this domain on the 7th of Nisan this past Tuesday, “God’s Favorite Day” in Biblical History!. Slightly disappointed, but not discouraged, Our **“Harpazo”** gets closer and my encouragement grows stronger as well.

Since Sunday is “Resurrection” Day, I thought you might be interested in something that would give your faith meter a boost.

The foremost video source of the “Shroud of Turin” is Russ Breault. Russ released his newest DVD “Could The Shroud of Turin Be A Receipt?”. This is, I believe the fourth or fifth DVD produced by Russ Breault. I know that I have all of his excellent material on the Shroud of Turin in my DVD library. I have enclosed on the last page a snapshot of this newest documentary and it is something very appropriate for the High Point of the Christian calendar. You might want to watch it with your family and friends.

If you happen to view Gary Stearman’s “Prophecy Watchers” it is in the current viewing time schedule. If you are not familiar with Russ Breault’s material on the Shroud, you have been cheated from knowing the truth and evidence revealed about the “Linen Cloth” Jesus’ body was wrapped and placed into the Tomb. Email me for info on how you can have the greatest proof that the Shroud is God’s Receipt, like you would receive for a purchase at Walmart.

Probably, even better, you can watch it live by searching “Prophecy Watcher’s You Tube” page and you can view today. When you go to the page, there is two half-hour programs with Russ Breault. The first is on the left of line #2, and the second is on the left of line #4. These will bless your spirit on this Resurrection Sunday!

[Russ Breault: The Mysterious Man Clothed in Linen](#)

[Russ Breault: The Shroud - The Receipt Of The](#)

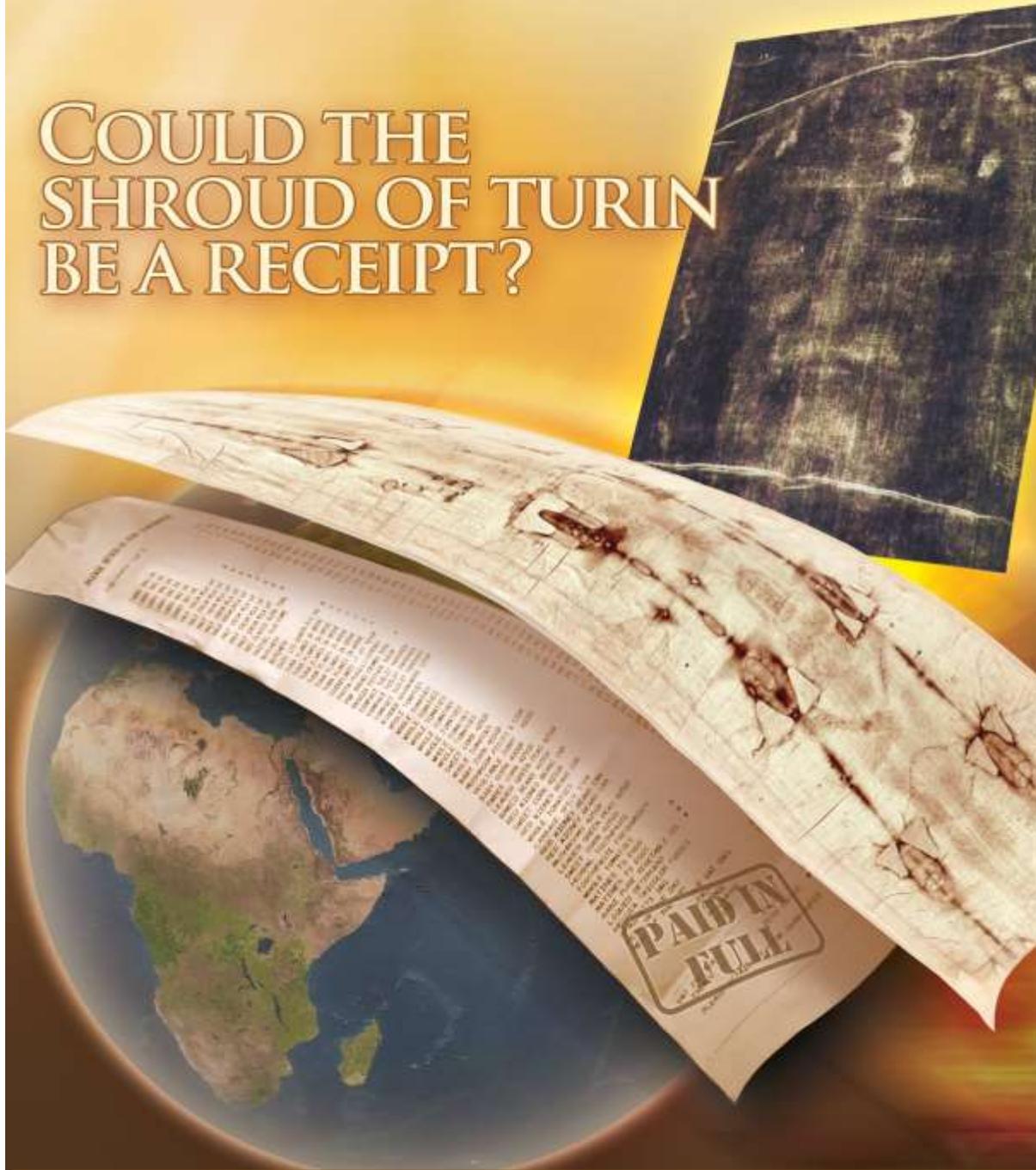
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