

GETTING TO KNOW JESUS: HIS PERSON & WORK

21 April 2021 | *Week 3: Risen Christ*

I. Review

- 1) Week 1: Pre-Incarnate, Eternal Son
 - a) Testimony of the Old Testament
 - i) Son of Man & Ancient of Days
 - ii) Eternal Generation
 - b) Testimony of the New Testament
 - i) Testimony of Christ
 - ii) Testimony of the Apostles
 - c) The necessity of Christ's divinity

- 2) Week 2: The Incarnation
 - a) Key Elements of the Incarnation
 - i) The person of the Son became a human (Jn. 1:14, Phil. 2:6, Col. 2:9, Heb. 2:14-15, 1 John 4:2-3)
 - ii) Virgin Conception (Is. 7:14, Luke 1:35, 3:23)
 - (1) Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit
 - (2) Fully God, Fully Man Two natures, One Person (Hypostatic Union)
 - b) The Humanity of Christ
 - i) Human body
 - ii) Human Mind (Luke 2:52, Heb. 5:8)
 - iii) Human Soul & Holy Emotions
 - iv) Sinless Human (2 Cor. 5:21, Heb. 4:15, 1 Peter 1:19)
 - v) The necessity of Christ humanity
 - c) The Heart of Christ

II. The Risen Christ

1) The FACT of the Resurrection

- a) Historical facts - No serious historical scholar, Christian or non-Christian, doubts the core facts surrounding the resurrection
 - i) Jesus was crucified and buried in a tomb
 - ii) Three days after his crucifixion the body was missing from the tomb
 - iii) Over the next 40 days there were reported appearances of Jesus by both believers and unbelievers
 - iv) There were individuals whose lives were transformed from the appearances, and they began to proclaim Christ's resurrection even to the point of being put to death for their proclamations
- b) Skeptics have challenged that the empty tomb does not mean that Christ rose from the dead
 - i) Wrong tomb theory - the witnesses went to the wrong tomb
 - ii) Hallucination theory (mind games - psychological phenomena)
 - iii) The swoon theory - Jesus was not really dead
 - iv) The stolen body theory
 - v) The soldiers fell asleep theory
 - vi) The legend theory

- c) New Testament evidence for resurrection of Christ from the dead
 - i) The gospels contain abundant testimony to the resurrection of Christ (Matt. 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-53; John 20-21)
 - ii) The book of Acts is a story of the Apostles' proclamation of the resurrection of Christ
 - iii) The epistles depend entirely on the assumption that Jesus is a living reigning Savior who is now the exalted head of the church

2) The Nature of Christ's Resurrection

- a) Every person of the Triune Godhead participated in the resurrection
 - i) God the Father (Acts 2:24; Rom. 6:4; 1 Cor. 6:14)
 - ii) God the Son (John 10:17-18; John 2:19-21)
 - iii) God the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:10-11; Rom. 1:4)
- b) Jesus resurrected body was a physical body
 - i) The disciples touched and handled him after the resurrection (Matt. 28:9)
 - ii) Jesus ate and drank with them after the resurrection (Luke 24:30)
- c) Different than others who had been raised from the dead
 - i) Jesus resurrection was the "first fruits" (1 Cor. 15:20, 23) of a new kind of human life where the body was made perfect
 - ii) Though Jesus body was still a physical body, it was transformed, it had "put on immortality" (1 Cor. 15:53)
 - iii) 1 Cor. 15:42-44 tells us what the resurrected body will be like

3) The Significance of the Resurrection

- a) Death will never have dominion over Christ again (Rom. 6:9; Acts 13:34)
- b) Jesus intercedes for us in heaven before God (Rom. 8:34)
- c) It is the beginning and guarantee of our resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20; 2 Cor. 4:14)
- d) We were raised with Jesus so that our true life is hidden now in him (Eph. 2:6; Col. 3:1-4)
- e) We are born again to a living hope (1 Peter 1:3)
- f) We now enjoy his personal fellowship with us always (Matt. 28:20)
- g) Because of the resurrection of Jesus, he has a name above every name and every knee will bow to him (Philippians 2:9-10)
- h) Jesus kept his word (Matt. 17:22)
- i) God secured our justification by raising Jesus from the dead (Rom. 4:25)
- j) The risen Christ takes the place for us that the law once had so that we can bear fruit for God (Rom. 7:4)

All other religions have the tombs of their dead founders and prophets. We have an empty tomb and a living Savior.

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