

Isaiah's Remarkable Prediction About Christ's Resurrection

Millions of people worldwide have reported having a near death experience, the number of scientifically documented and verified cases numbers in the low thousands. As remarkable as these reports are, they pale in comparison to the account of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. And the Prophet Isaiah predicts this over 700 years before Christ's birth. Let's consider what's so remarkable about this.

Read Isaiah 53:8-11

To appreciate Christ's resurrection, I will answer some key questions like . . .

1. What is the resurrection?

After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. (Isaiah 53:11)

1) It is something for _____ person.

2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. (Daniel 12:2-3)

- It is neither a near-death experience nor miraculous _____.

43 . . . Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. (John 11:43,44)

2) It is something _____ to Jesus Christ.

For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. (Romans 6:9)

20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. (Philippians 3:20,21)

2 Why do I believe this?

After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. (Isaiah 53:11)

"Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20:21)

- This does not mean that we lack good evidence or reasons for belief.

1) I have good _____ for belief.

2) I have good answers for _____.

- Only Christ's resurrection explains all the historical _____.

3 Why is this significant?

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1) Christ's resurrection vindicates _____ regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 1:3,4)

2) Christ's resurrection completes our _____ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. (Romans 4:25)

3) Christ's resurrection destroys _____ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. (Hebrews 2:14-15)

4) Christ's resurrection _____ . . . in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. (1 Corinthians 15:22,23)

5) Christ's resurrection serves as _____ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. . . . And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. (1 Corinthians 15:14,17)

6) Christ's resurrection empowers _____ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, (Ephesians 1:19-20)

Christ's resurrection brings victory! When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." (1 Corinthians 15:54) Will you celebrate in that victory?

Then Paul adds: 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:57,58) Will you be true to Jesus?