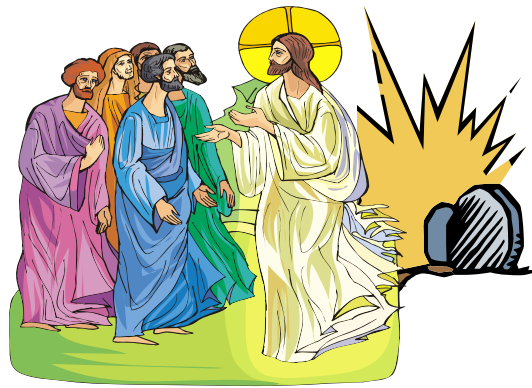


# The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ

What did it Prove?



***OUR DAILY BREAD***

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## **SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:**

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

(John 14:6 KJB)

*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.* (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.*

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)



## HAPPY Resurrection Sunday!

Just about 2000 years ago on this day, one of the most important events in all history took place.

Jesus rose from the grave!

This event was so important that if it did not happen, our faith in The Lord Jesus Christ would be useless! And it would be useless to tell others that they should believe in Jesus Christ. In fact, that is exactly what God said through the apostle Paul. Listen to this:

“And if Christ be not risen, then *is* our preaching (telling others about Jesus) vain, and your faith *is* also vain.”  
1Corinthians 15:14 KJB

Do you know what that word vain means? The word “VAIN” means “*pointless, useless, empty of meaning*”. God says that it would be POINTLESS, USELESS & EMPTY OF MEANING to believe in Jesus Christ if Jesus did not rise from the dead! If Jesus did not rise from the dead, it would be VAIN - *pointless, useless, empty of meaning* - for us to believe anything God says! God has given us HUNDREDS & HUNDREDS & HUNDREDS of promises in His written Word, the Bible. But if Jesus did not rise from the dead, all those promises would be VAIN - *pointless, useless, empty of meaning*! If

Jesus did not rise from that tomb after He was crucified, died & was buried, we could NEVER believe ANYTHING God says to us! Oh, that would be AWFUL! If we couldn't trust God, who COULD we trust?

And here is another REALLY AWFUL thing that would have happened if Jesus did not rise from the grave! Listen to this:

"And if Christ be not raised, your faith *is* in vain; ye are in your sins." 1Corinthians 15:17KJB

God's Word tells us that if Jesus Christ did not come out alive from that tomb, NO ONE would ever be forgiven of their sins. You see, God said that when Jesus Christ went to the cross, He paid for the sins of the whole world - for yours & mine! Long before Jesus was born, God said many times that He would send His Son to earth to pay for the sins of all mankind. Isaiah 53, which was written about 700 years BEFORE Jesus was born, is one of God's many messages about what His Son would do for all mankind on the cross! Read it.

Here is another of God's many promises about Jesus.. Just before Jesus was born, God sent this message about Him:



"And she (Mary) shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God

with us."

Matthew 1:21-23 KJB

Later on, when Jesus was about to start His work teaching people about who He was & what God was like & what He came to do, God had John the Baptist say this about Jesus.

"...Behold the Lamb of God (The Lamb of God is Jesus Christ), which taketh away the sin of the world."

John 1:29 KJB

Jesus also said this about God & Himself:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

John 3:16-17 KJB

These are awesome promises! But how would we ever know that these things about Jesus are true? We would not be able to SEE our sins being taken away. Even the people who saw Jesus crucified could not see that. In fact, during the time when God was punishing Jesus for our sins, the land was in darkness.

"And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. (12-3PM)

And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, eloi, lama sabachthani? which is being interpreted,



My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Mark 15:33-34 KJB

During those 3 dark hours, God poured out upon His holy Son all His wrath against our sins. Holy God cannot even look at sin. Read Habukkuk 1:13. God turned away from His Son. The pain was so awful that it was the ONLY time Jesus cried out while He was nailed to the cross.

But how were we to know that this was true? Yes, the people there saw that Jesus was crucified just as He said He would be. Yes, they heard Him cry out in agony that His Father had forsaken Him. But then He died & was buried. How could we know that what He said about Him being the Son of God who took away our sins was true?

Well, many times before He went to the cross, Jesus taught His disciples that after He died on the cross for the sins of the world, He was going to

RISE AGAIN!

"For he (Jesus) taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man (That is one of Jesus' titles. He is the Son of God. He is the Son of man. Jesus is 100% God & 100% man.) is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day."

Mark 9:31KJB



Now that sure is an AMAZING PROMISE to make!  
Jesus told His friends that He would be in the ground  
3 whole days & THEN He would RISE AGAIN!

And if Jesus DIDN'T rise again, that promise would  
have been a LIE! And if Jesus lied, here's what  
God told the apostle Paul to tell us about our faith,  
about our sins & about God's promise in John 3:16  
that all who believe in Jesus will never perish:

"And if Christ be not raised, your faith *is* in  
vain, ye are yet in your sins.

Then they also which are fallen asleep in  
Christ are perished.

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we  
are of all men most miserable."

1Corinthians 15:17-19 KJB

God said that if Jesus did not rise from the dead, we  
would still be in our sins, our faith would be useless  
& when we die, instead of going to heaven to live  
with God forever like He promised, we  
would perish forever in the Lake of Fire!  
We sure would be miserable!



**BUT!!!**

Praise the Lord!

**Jesus DID rise from the dead!**

Jesus' resurrection gave us

**PROOF**

And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:"

Romans 1:3-4 KJB

When Jesus rose from that grave, He PROVED that He is the Son of God who died for our sins & made our way to heaven!

And to prove that Jesus had indeed risen from the grave, God allowed MANY, MANY people to be EYE WITNESSES. These people SAW & SPOKE with Jesus after He had risen out of that grave!

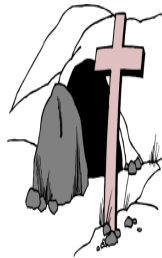
Listen to what the apostle Paul tells us about those EYE WITNESSES!

1Corinthians 15:3-8 KJB

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

And that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.



After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

And last of all he was seen of me (Paul) also, as of one born out of due time."

**What did the resurrection**



that JESUS is who God says He is! Jesus is the Son of God & we can believe ALL His promises! God never asks us to believe anything He has not already or will PROVE to be TRUE! No one else has EVER risen from the dead! Only Jesus died for our sins & rose again! Buddha did not! Mohammed did not! Their bodies are still in their graves. No other person did that for us. ONLY JESUS! Only Jesus can give us our way to live forever with God!

Here is what Jesus said about Himself before He went to the cross: John 11:26 KJB

“... I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live.

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die, Believest thou this?”

Before Jesus went to the cross, He said that He is the WAY that we too will be raised from the dead to live with God FOREVER!

And the RESURRECTION is PROOF that Jesus is EXACTLY who He said He is! We can BELIEVE EVERYTHING He says! God says that the resurrection of Jesus Christ PROVES that Jesus is God!

“Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh:



# GRACE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Pastor John A. Ricci

## Sunday Morning Service

10:00 A.M.

Sunday Transportation Service ~ Call 24 hours Prior

## Weekly Services

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:30 P.M.

## Prayer Meeting

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:00-7:20 P.M.

## Communion Service

First Sunday of Every Month

## Children's Prep School (Ages 5-14) & Mother's Room

Available for Every Service

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## Directions

### From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.

### From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Right*.



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