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Easter 2014!!

The Resurrection of the Savior...

1. PREDICTED BY JESUS HIMSELF

John 2:18 (ESV) So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?"¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and **in three days I will raise it up.**"

2. PROPHESED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

John 20:6 (ESV) Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ **for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.**

3. PRESENTED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- A. Presented as a literal, actual historical event
- B. Presented as a witnessed event

Mark 16:14 (NIV) Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

- C. Presented as a life-changing event

"I choose to believe the witnesses who get their throats cut" — Pascal

4. PROCLAIMED BY THE FIRST APOSTLES

Acts 2:23 (NIV) ... This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ **But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.**

5. PREVIEWS THE RAISING OF ALL BELIEVERS

John 14:19 (ESV) ...Because I live, you also will live.

6. PREFIGURES AND GUARANTEES HIS RETURN AS RULER OF ALL

Hebrews 9:27 (ESV) And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, **will appear a second time**, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

- A. **JESUS** Himself promised to return! *John 14:2-3*
- B. **ANGELS** promised the disciples He would return! *Acts 1:10-11*
- C. **PAUL** promised that Jesus would come back! *Titus 2:11-13*
- D. **JOHN** records Jesus' promise that He would return!
Revelation 22:7

YOUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL MESSAGE...

- #1 *At the core of my being I believe this message and am confident that I have received Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord. I belong to Him! I first repented of my sin and trusted in Christ's sacrifice in _____*
- #2 *I have heard this message before, but today my eyes were opened to what it really means, and for the first time I'm placing my full trust in Jesus to forgive me, save me, and make me His own.*
- #3 *I have heard this message before, but am not sure that I have ever responded to it personally. I now sense God drawing me to Christ. I would appreciate it if someone could help me understand what it would mean for me to truly repent and believe the Gospel and belong to Him.*
- #4 *I'm familiar with this message but I have some doubts. Please pray for me that God will open my eyes to the Truth and give me the faith to believe even though I don't understand. I would be glad for someone to contact me and help me work through my doubts.*
- #5 *I understand this message but do not believe it. I do not consider myself a Christian and have little interest in exploring the claims of Jesus further.*

BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Exodus 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Exodus 16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Exodus 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Exodus 17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Exodus 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: Exodus 18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Exodus 15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Exodus 19 |

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