

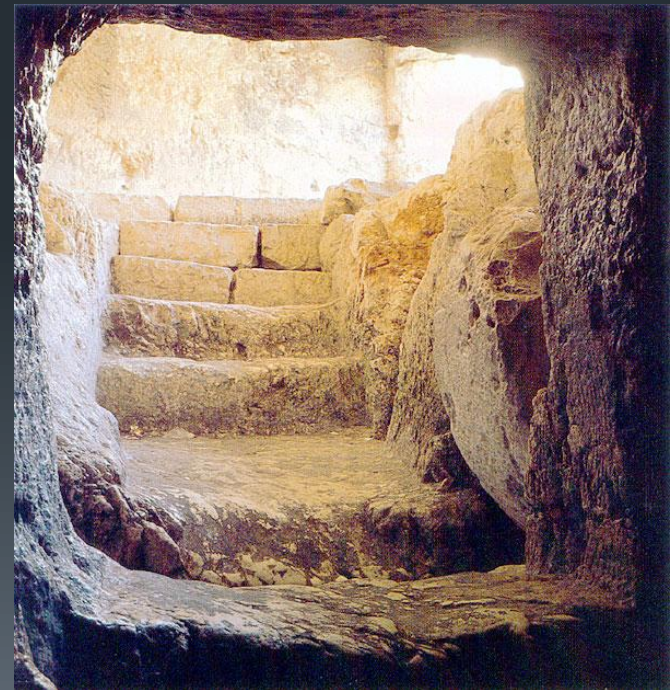
**“This is the day
the LORD has
made;
We will rejoice
and be glad in it”**



Psalm 118:24

What are some of the proofs of the Resurrection?

- I. The prophecies about the Resurrection
- II. The testimony of the Disciples
- III. The empty tomb

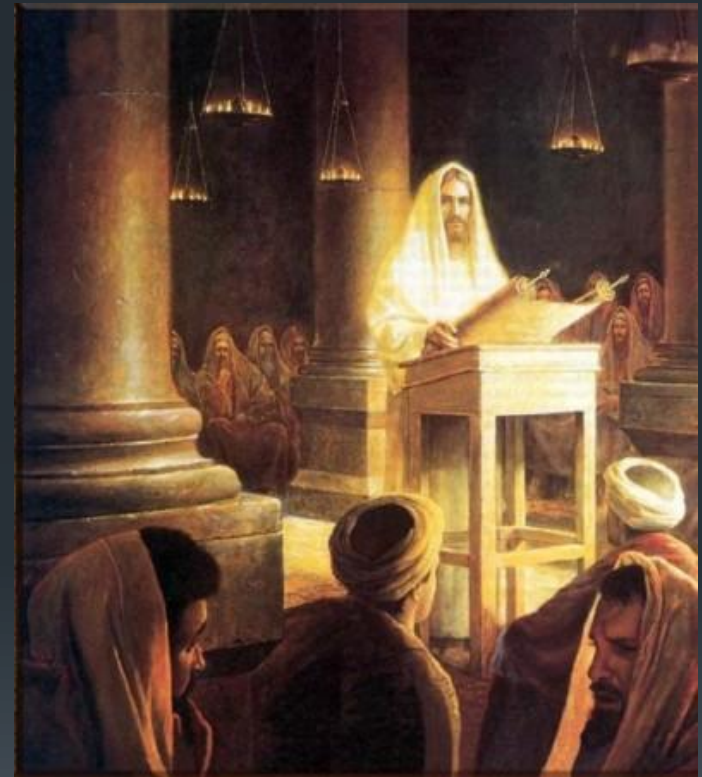


I. The prophesies about the Resurrection from the Old Testament



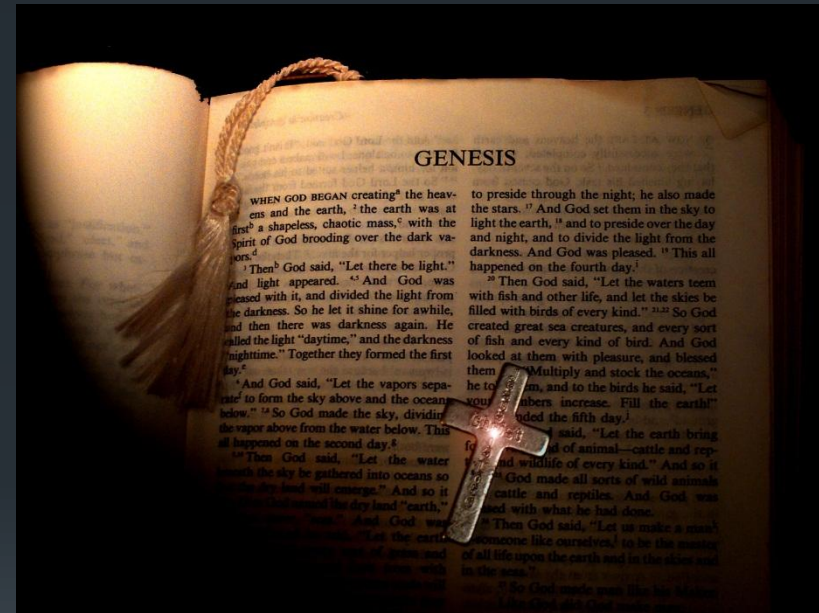
Verses about the Resurrection

- “For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth”
Job 19:24
- “For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption”
Psalms 16:10
- “On the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight”
Hosea 6:2



Three metaphors

1. Jonah the prophet
2. The two sparrows in the rite of purifying the lepers
3. The rock in the wilderness



Jonah

- “For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth” **Matthew 12:40**



The two sparrows

- “then the priest shall command to take for him who is to be cleansed two living *and* clean birds, cedar wood, scarlet, and hyssop. And the priest shall command that **one of the birds be killed** in an earthen vessel over running water. As for the living bird, he shall take it, the cedar wood and the scarlet and the hyssop, and **dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird *that was* killed over the running water**. And he shall sprinkle it seven times on him who is to be cleansed from the leprosy, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall **let the living bird loose in the open field**” (Leviticus 14:4-8)



The rock in the wilderness ⁽¹⁾

- Moses brought water out of the rock twice in the wilderness.
- In the first time, Moses was ordered to **hit** the rock: “Behold, I will stand before you there on the **rock** in Horeb; and you shall strike the **rock**, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink”

Exodus 17:6



The rock in the wilderness ⁽²⁾

- In the second time, he was asked to **peak** to it: “Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water”

Numbers 20:8



The rock in the wilderness ⁽³⁾

- The Rock was Christ: “For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ”

1 Corinthians 10:4

- The rod was the cross on which the Lord was once crucified



The rock in the wilderness ⁽³⁾

- In the second time, it was different:

Aaron: a symbol of the Priesthood

The Rod: a symbol of the Cross

To speak to the Rock: a symbol of the Liturgy



II. The Testimony of the Disciples

- Why did the Disciples go from frightened followers of Jesus before His Death, to bold evangelists willing to die preaching His Resurrection?
- What was their motive?
Why did they accept to be killed while preaching the Resurrection?



II. The empty tomb

- The empty tomb was “too notorious to be denied.” Paul Althaus states that the Resurrection “could have not been maintained in Jerusalem for a single day, for a single hour, if the emptiness of the tomb had not been established as a fact for all concerned.”



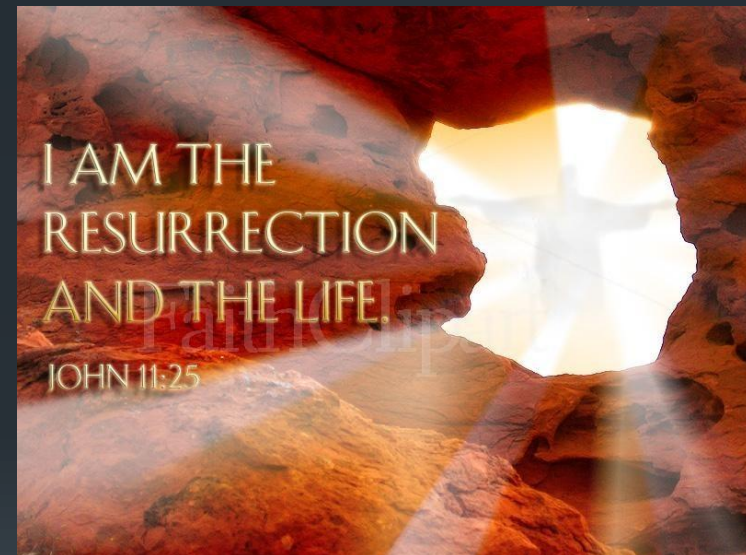
Why is it so
important for
us to believe
in the
Resurrection?



1. It is the strongest evidence for the deity of the Lord Christ.

“...concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead”

Romans 1:3-5



2. It is the most convincing evidence for the facts of the Bible
3. It is the living hope for all of us who believe and are in the Lord Jesus!

