



Was Jesus Christ Resurrected? Why Does It Matter?

“Do I believe in God? Totally! Do I believe that Jesus was this amazing teacher who spoke truth, love and compassion? Absolutely! But does it matter if I think He conquered death? Isn't just following His teachings enough? Won't being good and following Jesus get me into heaven? Conquer death? I don't understand why it matters if He was raised from the dead.”

In 1 Corinthians 15:13-14 Paul says, *“If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.”* There is no other option for Christians; Jesus died and rose again. Just look at what Paul says, *“If Christ wasn't raised from the dead our faith is useless.”*

Jesus was more than a good man. He was the Son of God. Our Holy and all-powerful God came down to earth, and because he longed to restore us and bring us back to fellowship with Himself, He paid the debt for our sins through His own death. Think about it.

Man is sinful; every single human ever to live (except Jesus) sins. Everyone! (Romans 3:23).

God is Holy (Isaiah 6). Our sin stands in the way of us being with Him; the created with Creator.

God loves us. He always has. He wanted us back. So, what did he do? He left heaven, became a God-man and entered into a world of sin. Jesus was more than a good man, He was and is God.

While here on earth Jesus, the God-man, taught us how to live and to love. He claimed the truth about His identity: He is God. He fulfilled prophecy predicted hundreds of years before His birth to prove it. He healed the sick and comforted the broken hearted and gave hope to those in despair. In the meantime, he sparked a revolution that still rages today.

Jesus, because of His Holiness, was the only One who could pay the price for our sins. He was crucified. He already knew He would be; He knew what was going to happen, and still He took the pain and suffering on Himself to bring us back to a relationship with Him. In that moment of death, the enormous severity of man's sin, not only killed Jesus, but for a moment separated Him from God the Father and the Holy Spirit. But then, three days later, He conquered death; He rose from the grave! He was alive, forever! He had conquered death. It was done. The price was paid once and for all. It gave hope and assurance to those who believed that when they died, they, too, would live forever in Heaven with Jesus!

The problem with just believing in the life of Jesus and leaving out the death and resurrection is this: the whole purpose of Jesus coming to earth was to pay the price of our sin, so that we could live abundant, full lives while here on earth and in Heaven. Knowing and believing this, which is verified by a multitude of historical writings, gives us continued assurance of God's love for all people all the time! We do worship a loving and sacrificial God!

Matthew 28:6 *“He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.”*

John 10:10 *“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”*