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The Story - Third Act

The Resurrection

Bryan's Notes

Struggle to Understand

1Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

3So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead. 10Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. **John 20:1-10**

Jesus physically died on the cross, and we know this by the fact that

Soldiers saw him dead.

Blood and water flowed from his side

The head centurion reported to Pontus Pilot that he was dead

Joseph of Arimathea placed him in the tomb

The women who stood next to the cross attested to his death

But we also know that he had a bodily resurrection

There is abundant proof that the body of Jesus Christ was literally raised to life again

More than 500 people saw him

He appeared to be able to walk through walls and appear out of thin air to converse with people.

People recognized him.....

You could even see the holes in his arms and legs....

He could eat and drink

Behold My hands and My feet, that it is Myself. Handle me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have. **Luke 24:39**

What if it never happened

How would life be now.... Would there still be a God

The Importance of Christ's Resurrection

The resurrection of Christ is an essential and glorious component in God's plan of Salvation. Here's what Paul wrote

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.
1 Cor. 15:1-4

If Christ had remained in the grave it would have only been the death and martyrdom of a teacher and profit.

But the resurrection of Christ demonstrated that Christ was indeed the Son of God.

It didn't turn him into the Son of God, it declared that he was the Son of God

Paul wrote

Who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. **Rom 1:4**

Christ's resurrection proved that his death was sufficient to cover all the sins of humanity. In the resurrection, God demonstrated that Jesus Christ was and is the perfect Son of God...

Forgiveness of Sins

Number 1 Adam's sin was passed to the entire human race.

Number 2 Humanity's sin was passed to Christ as he died for all of us

Number 3 You then gain Christ's righteousness through faith in Christ

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. **Rom 5:19**

Christ's resurrection provides an assurance of the forgiveness of sins

Paul again writes later in Romans

That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved **Rom 10:9**

Life through the Spirit

Yes, the Law played a role in the life of believers, but not as a means of salvation though. People in the old covenant would shed the blood of animals but under the New Covenant the shedding of Jesus blood would replace it. This can be found in ref. **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

It was a moral and ethical guide, obeyed out of love of God.

For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the Law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **Romans 8:3-4**

Biggest Event in History

Jesus rising from the dead may be the most history-altering event ever recorded...No let's say it IS #1. When Christ defeated death, he also defeated the devil's schemes that started back in the Garden of Eden.

His resurrection is the guarantee of the resurrection of all believers. Ref. **Ephesians 2:4-6**

Jesus's perfect life, death, and resurrection make it possible for us to know God intimately today, tomorrow, and forever...