

2 Last week we discussed the concept of time, especially in light of eternity. We saw that God, who inhabits  
3 eternity, is greater than the things we can see and understand about it.

4 But what about the resurrection of Jesus Christ? He is the Son of God, the Son of Man, the God-man. In Him,  
5 God Himself entered into not just human flesh, but human time as well. We measure all things from His  
6 interventional step into our world and our history of time as we know it.

7 1) Did it happen?

8 a) It is humanly impossible

9 b) It is physically impossible

10 2) If it did happen, it was a miracle of God, and validates not only Christ's identity but His work and Word.

11 a) It is historically evident (Pliny, Tacitus, Josephus, the Talmud, Lucian)

12 b) It is spiritually evident (The Holy Spirit's presence)

13 c) It is Biblically recorded and explained

14 3) What does it mean? It proves that:

15 a) Jesus only is God (Rev. 1:8, John 14:6)

16 b) Jesus only is holy

17 c) Jesus can and will do all that He ever says He will do

18 4) What are the results?

19 a) Death is destroyed I Cor. 15:26

20 b) Sin is destroyed Rom. 6:6

21 c) The Devil is defeated, judged, and condemned, with his works destroyed I John 3:8

22 5) What does it mean for us in the future?

23 a) We will be redeemed Eph. 1:14

24 b) We will be resurrected as well I Cor. 15:20-22

25 6) What does it mean NOW?

26 a) We are dead to sin in Christ Rom. 6:6

27 b) We are resurrected spiritually to new life in Christ Rom. 6:4

28 c) We have His life in us now I John 5:12

29 d) Everything about our faith is literally a matter of life and death for us and for others. He conquered

30 death, and provided the life, but we are to give our lives here, where we live "in the body of this death"

31 (Rom. 7:24) When death and sin are finally finished with us at the end of our physical lives,

32 righteousness and life from Christ will take their place.

33 e) Others need the Christ we know. ETERNITY will be for everyone—but which kind?

34 *Luke 24:6: He is not here, but is risen....*

35 *I Cor. 15:20: But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.*

36 *Colossians 2:12: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the*  
37 *operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.*

38 *Colossians 3:1: If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above*

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40 Christ stepped out of eternity into time in order to save us out of time and into HIS eternal presence.

41 His resurrection proves it, and calls us to the most compelling and complete commitment of our lives.