

## The Meaning of Jesus' Resurrection

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In what we now know as Romans 10:9-10, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the apostle Paul wrote,

<sup>10:9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Just what does it mean to believe that God raised Jesus from the dead? In other words, in addition to the fact it means Jesus returned to life on Sunday after having died by crucifixion on the previous Passover Friday (three days were involved), what are some things Jesus' resurrection demonstrates? I have compiled a list of 15 things. My list is not exhaustive, but it does include some very important items. It shows the connections between the resurrection and a host of other realities that are consistent with it.

1. Jesus' resurrection proves that He was and is God.
2. Jesus' resurrection demonstrates conclusively that right and wrong exist, that absolutes exist, and that God is holy and must judge sin.
3. Jesus' resurrection demonstrates that Jesus was sinless, that He was and is holy.
4. Because Jesus was sinless, He did not have to die for His own sin.
5. Because Jesus did die, His death was substitutionary.
6. Since Jesus was sinless and died in the place of sinners to pay the sin's penalty for them, it's clear that sin leads to death, and death is the penalty for sin.
7. The resurrection of Christ shows us the great lengths to which God will go to make forgiveness available to sinful human beings.
8. God's love has no equal. The resurrection of Christ (the capstone of God's plan to save human beings from the penalty of their sins) demonstrates that He loves as does no one else.
9. Jesus' resurrection proves that His death was adequate, for all eternity, to blot out human sin and to make it possible for God to forgive.
10. Jesus' resurrection demonstrates that Jesus really does give eternal life to all who believe on Him and rely on Him for forgiveness.
11. The resurrection proves that Jesus was not a fraud, but that His teachings about Himself were true. Jesus even predicted His own death and resurrection — repeatedly.
12. Jesus' resurrection demonstrates that God doesn't care about people's happiness as much as He cares about their holiness.
13. Jesus' resurrection proves that God has an ultimate solution for the problem of evil in the world.
14. The resurrection of Christ proves that death does not represent an end for the Christian, but a transition. Christ's victory over death was decisive and complete.
15. The resurrection proves that a sinner is forgiven of his or her sins and has eternal life when that person comes to God on His conditions.