

Resurrection

A survey of Biblical teaching about Jesus'
resurrection

Paul's View of the Reality of Resurrection

His Conversion Experience and Early
Writings

Paul's Conversion Experience – Resurrection Reality

- **Act 9:4** and he fell upon the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?**
- **Act 9:5** And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And he *said*, **I am Jesus whom thou persecutest:**
- **Act 9:6** but rise, and enter into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

Paul's Conversion Experience – Resurrection Reality

- **Act 22:6** And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and drew nigh unto Damascus, about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.
- **Act 22:7** And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?**
- **Act 22:8** And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, **I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.**

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- [Act 26:12](#) Whereupon as I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests,
- [Act 26:13](#) at midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them that journeyed with me.
- [Act 26:14](#) And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice saying unto me in the Hebrew language, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the goad**

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- **Act 26:15** And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.
- **Act 26:16** But arise, and stand upon thy feet: for **to this end have I appeared unto thee**, to appoint thee a minister and a witness both of the things wherein thou hast seen me, and of the things wherein I will appear unto thee;

Paul's Conversion Experience – Resurrection Reality

- Jesus spoke to Paul and identified himself
- Jesus explained why he appeared to Paul
- Paul speaks of this later
 - Acts 22:15
 - I Corinthians 15:8

Paul's Earliest Preaching – Resurrection Reality

- Acts 13:30-38 – here Paul affirms the reality of Jesus' resurrection
- Acts 17:30-32 – to a skeptical audience in Athens Paul contends Christ was raised from the dead.

Paul's Earliest Writing – Resurrection Reality

Paul, an apostle (not from men, neither through man, but through Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead)...

Galatians 1:1

Paul's Earliest Writing – Resurrection Reality

For they themselves report concerning us what manner of entering in we had unto you; and how ye turned unto God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, who delivereth us from the wrath to come.

I Thessalonians 1:9-10

Paul's Earliest Writing – Resurrection Reality

But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep...

I Thessalonians 4:13-17

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...For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Paul's Earliest Writing – Resurrection Reality

We are bound to give thanks to God always to you, brethren, even as it is meet, for that your faith growth exceedingly, and the love of each one of you all toward one another aboundeth; so that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions which ye endure; *which is* a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God; to the end that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer...

II Thessalonians 1:3-10

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...if so be that it is a righteous thing with God to recompense affliction to them that afflict you, and to you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with the angels of his power in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus: who shall suffer punishment, *even* eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be marvelled at in all them that believed (because our testimony unto you was believed) in that day.

Paul's Resurrection Reality

- His teaching about the resurrection was consistent from the beginning of his ministry
- *It was not a developed theology*

Paul's Resurrection Reality

For neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but *it came to me* through revelation of Jesus Christ. For ye have heard of my manner of life in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and made havoc of it: and I advanced in the Jews' religion beyond many of mine own age among my countrymen, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it was the good pleasure of God, who separated me, *even* from my mother's womb, and called me through his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentiles; straightway I conferred not with flesh and blood:

Galatians 1:12-16