

# Jesus and the Resurrection

## Matthew 22:22-33

### Introduction

It is crystal clear the Gospel writers knew Jesus believed and taught the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees ask Jesus a question about the resurrection, yet they didn't believe in the resurrection.

1. Jesus calls out their \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ that there would be a resurrection of the dead, whether the Sadducees believed it or not.
3. In Luke 14, He also taught that the righteous would be rewarded at the resurrection, and in John Chapter 5, He adds there would also be a \_\_\_\_\_ for the wicked.
4. Matthew says Jesus "taught with \_\_\_\_\_, and not as the scribes" (Matthew 7:29).
5. The most spectacular resurrection was that of \_\_\_\_\_, just a few days before His crucifixion in Jerusalem (John 11:1-44).
6. Jesus claimed that He would rise from the dead after \_\_\_\_\_ days.
7. The disciples focused on Jesus' prophecy of His \_\_\_\_\_ instead of focusing on the resurrection.
8. What Jesus told His disciples privately, He also \_\_\_\_\_ told those who opposed Him.
9. The enemies of Christ knew that Jesus claimed He would rise from the grave in three days even though they didn't actually \_\_\_\_\_ it would happen.

### I. The Dullness of the Disciples

10. You can know so much about the \_\_\_\_\_ and still find yourself oblivious to its teaching.
11. There is such an amazing \_\_\_\_\_ on the part of the disciples.
12. John explains why the disciples were so reluctant to believe the reports of Jesus' resurrection, "For as yet, they did not know the \_\_\_\_\_, that He must rise again from the dead.
13. The disciples thought His resurrection was totally impossible until they were finally overwhelmed by the \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The disciples were not psychologically \_\_\_\_\_ to believe Jesus had risen from the dead.
15. All of the disciples were just like Thomas; they all had to be \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus was indeed alive.

## **II. Convincing the Doubtful Disciples**

16. Luke 24 says, "And He (Jesus) opened their \_\_\_\_\_, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.
17. Christ's resurrection was underscored by "many \_\_\_\_\_ proofs," witnessed by many people, taking place over many days.
18. Acts 1:3 says, "to whom He also presented Himself \_\_\_\_\_ after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God." (Acts 1:3)

## **III. The Resurrection Transformed the Disciples**

19. A dramatic \_\_\_\_\_ occurs in the disciples after they are convinced of His resurrection.

20. Peter illustrates this remarkable turnaround when we compare his denial of Jesus at His crucifixion and his declaration of the gospel after Christ's ascension and the sending of the Spirit at \_\_\_\_\_.
21. Once they were convinced, the apostles saw themselves as \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's resurrection.
22. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead became a central and indispensable part of the \_\_\_\_\_ message they proclaimed.

## **Conclusion**

23. The resurrection of Jesus Christ was a \_\_\_\_\_ truth for the disciples and those who believed their message.
24. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the verification and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' message and ministry.
25. The resurrection is an \_\_\_\_\_ part of the gospel.
26. The resurrection is \_\_\_\_\_ to non-believers, and there will always be those false teachers who deny the resurrection (Acts 17: 17-18).
27. Whenever you share the gospel, some \_\_\_\_\_, and some don't.
28. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is foundational to the spiritual life of the Christian.
29. Paul says that the Christian's problem is that \_\_\_\_\_ is more powerful than our flesh, and so we experience constant defeat when we walk in the flesh (Romans 7: 24).

30. Our flesh can always be overpowered by sin, but God has provided a way for us to live a new kind of life - His provision is the \_\_\_\_\_.
31. The Holy Spirit uses the resurrection of Christ to convince a person about their eternal existence and \_\_\_\_\_ them so they can receive eternal life (John 16: 7-11).
32. There is no need to fear death when you have eternal \_\_\_\_\_! That is the good news of the gospel.
33. The resurrection is also our \_\_\_\_\_ that we will be reunited with our believing loved ones who have died before us.

Jesus has risen from the grave, and He now is in heaven, at the right hand of the Father. But He will return, and when He does, we will be caught up in the air to spend all eternity with Christ and those we love who have loved Him. The day of salvation is now. If you have never trusted in Jesus Christ as your Savior or accepted His only provision for your sins, ask Jesus to save you and receive the forgiveness of your sins and the gift of eternal life He wants to give to you.

#### ANSWERS

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|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Hypocrisy    | 16. Understanding | 31. Convert   |
| 2. Affirmed     | 17. Convincing    | 32. Life      |
| 3. Judgment     | 18. Alive         | 33. Assurance |
| 4. Authority    | 19. Change        |               |
| 5. Lazarus      | 20. Pentecost     |               |
| 6. Three        | 21. Witnesses     |               |
| 7. Death        | 22. Gospel        |               |
| 8. Openly       | 23. Transforming  |               |
| 9. Believe      | 24. Vindication   |               |
| 10. Bible       | 25. Essential     |               |
| 11. Dullness    | 26. Foolishness   |               |
| 12. Scripture   | 27. Listen        |               |
| 13. Evidence    | 28. Foundational  |               |
| 14. Predisposed | 29. Sin           |               |
| 15. Convinced   | 30. Holy Spirit   |               |