

Title: The Resurrection
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a: No Resurrection Consequences

1 Corinthians 15:14-20

"And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

Sir Lionel Luckhoo

'I have spent more than 42 years as a defense trial lawyer appearing in many parts of the world and am still in active practice. I have been fortunate to secure a number of successes in jury trials and I say unequivocally the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ is so overwhelming that it compels acceptance by proof which leaves absolutely no room for doubt.'

b: Resurrection Points

- Who would die for a lie?
- Can the Sanhedrin show Jesus' body?
- Did Jesus fake His death?
- Jesus appearing in good health to 100's
- The tomb is empty
- Paul's conversion
- The disciple's boldness and courage

c: Our Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:35

'But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"

1 Corinthians 15:42

'So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.'

1 Corinthians 15:44

'It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.'

1 Corinthians 15:50

'I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.'

d: Why is Resurrection important?

- Witness of the power of God
- Jesus' sacrifice is acceptable and sufficient
- Proves that God can raise us from the dead