

# Christ's Resurrection:

Some Observations on a Truly Wonderful  
Truth

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# I. The Great Grammar of the Gospel of the Resurrection:



## The Gospel: I Cor. 15:

1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, 4 and that **He was buried**, and that **He was raised** on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. (v.1-5)

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## TENSE:

## VOX:

## MOOD:

<b>Christ died:</b>	AORIST;	<b>ACTIVE;</b>	INDICATIVE .. <i>for our sins</i>
<b>He was buried:</b>	AORIST;	<i>passive;</i>	INDICATIVE
<b>He was raised:</b>	_____;	<i>passive;</i>	INDICATIVE

## Virtually All of the Action of the Death / Burial / Resurrection of Jesus Christ is:

AORIST— a POINT IN TIME **FACT**: with an aura of FINALITY (Merryman); and a Once for all quality (Wuest)

INDICATIVE— mood of assertion & a presentation of **CERTAINTY!**

NOW: Note where the ACTIVE voice is placed in the Gospel declaration!

*To Sum: all the gospel is AORIST (the fact of finality of His death & burial) INDICATIVE mood (an unqualified assertion of certainty)*

**EXCEPT FOR: 'He was raised' . . . .**

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## TENSE:

**Christ died:** AORIST;

**He was buried:** AORIST;

**He was raised:**

PERFECT !;

## VOX:

**ACTIVE;**

*passive;*

*passive;*

## MOOD:

INDICATIVE .. *for our sins*

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PERFECT TENSE:

*A past action with abiding results; an action that has culminated in the past but that has results in the present.*

He was raised, and His resurrection's power, effect, purpose and presence abides with us this very day—in the durative moment of “now” ....

The circuit is always open, the door is never shut, the resurrection of Christ is always online . . . .

Blessed Resurrection Day today!

## II. The 500 Witnesses:



### Appearances of the Risen Christ Jesus:

- Mary Magdalene (John 20:10-18)
- Mary Magdalene and the other women (Matt. 28:1-10)
- Peter (1 Cor. 15:5)
- The two disciples on the way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)
- The ten Apostles (Luke 24:26-49; John 20:19-23)
- The eleven Apostles (John 20:24-31)
- The seven Apostles on beach of the Sea of Galilee (John 21)
- All the Apostles at the “Great Commission” (Matt. 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-18)
- **The five hundred disciples (1 Cor. 15:6)**
- James (1 Cor. 15:7)
- All the Apostles before the Ascension (Acts 1:4-8)
- **Paul after the Ascension (1 Cor. 15:8; Acts 9:1-9)**

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**6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; . . .**

*7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.*

*WHY IS THIS APPEARANCE SIGNIFICANT? OR MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN THE OTHERS?*

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### IMPORTANCE OF WITNESSES IN BOTH THE OLD & NEW TESTAMENTS:

**“A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.”**

DEUT. 19:15

From Paul in the NT:

**Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses.**

I TIM 5:19

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### The five hundred disciples (1 Cor. 15:6)

- If 2- 3 witnesses, then, is the basis for legal proof for an event to be verified...
- Then: what is “more than 500 brethren at one time” ?
- Simply: it's 2 x 250! Perhaps: even up to 3 x 250: 500 to 750 eyewitnesses to the fact that Jesus Christ was risen . . .
- A multiplier of 250 !
- May I submit to you: a legal benchmark (2-3 witnesses) given a multiplier of 250x, makes it **a matter of Public Record** . . . Analogous to recording a document in public records
- If I want to buy your house in a private sale without a realtor or Title Insurance, how do I know you really own your house? I can verify it in the County Public Records, which is for the whole world to see and verify.
- Verifiable, cross-referenceable, a person living then in Jerusalem had no excuse not to have known of Christ's resurrection: the legal standard is: ***'Know, or should have known'*** legal duty of care of the fact of the resurrection . . .



# III. Christ's Damascus Road Appearance to Saul:

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Acts 9: 1-19 and 22: 4-16:

- Saul is traveling on Damascus Rd, plotting more attacks to believers in the resurrected Christ
- When Christ Himself meets him on the way
- Was this encounter with the Glorified Christ a blessed, glorious one for Saul?
- The evidence does not support that: he is knocked down, blinded, is out of commission and does not eat or drink for 3 days
- Could Saul have been physically marred by this encounter? (something like scales was peeled away from his eyes...)
- Remember Moses's encounter with God: Moses says, **“I pray you, show me your glory!”** to that God responds, **“You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!”** Exo. 33:18-23
- I submit: this appearance to Saul was greatly increased in power and intensity than His previous appearances, and His appearance to Peter, James & John on the Mt. of Transfiguration . . .

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Acts 9: 1-9, 22: 5-14:

Saul already stood in clearer light regarding the ascended Lord Jesus than did the other Apostles; for they had known Him primarily in His humiliation, and they were messengers to Israel, of whom is Christ "as concerning the flesh, yet now henceforth know we Him no more" II COR 5:16

But Saul's first vision of Christ was as the Glorified One, the Eternal Son of God, in blinding ascension glory. Paul, we may say, never saw aught after his conversion "but the glory of that light" that burst into his life from the glorified Lord [Acts 22:11; PHIL 3:7-10].

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So, what does the appearing of the Resurrected Lord Jesus to the 500 disciples and Saul, just to name two— have to do with us?

## IV. We Too, Shall See Him with Our Resurrected/ or Transformed Bodies:

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We, too: will see Him some day!

Some of us will be resurrected at His Return; some of us will be caught up to meet Him in the air—

The ones traveling South from Heaven will get their resurrected, transformed bodies—

The ones traveling North will go through a live transformation into their glorious body in an instant—

Why? Because we will be given what He, as the *First Fruits of the Resurrection* was given –

**For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself. Phil 3:20-21**

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“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.” 1 John 3:2

“Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto himself.” Phil. 3:21

❑ Like Him: we will have Immortal bodies:

For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written: “DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?” I Cor. 15: 53-55

*Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.* I Cor. 15:49

## IV. (b) What We Are Now vs. What We Shall Be:



From I Corinthians 15:

- ❖ Earthly (v. 40)
- ❖ Perishable (v. 42)
- ❖ Weak (v. 43)
- ❖ Mortal (v. 53)
- ❖ Natural (v. 44)

*The Lord Jesus in His Post-Resurrection appearances was:*

- ❖ Heavenly
- ❖ Imperishable
- ❖ Powerful
- ❖ Immortal
- ❖ [Supernatural]

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One of the many reasons we must receive our: Heavenly, Imperishable, Powerful, Immortal & Supernatural resurrection bodies:

- With this new Christ-like-resurrection body—
- We will be able to fully see all His glory, face-to-face, for eternity
- And not be destroyed, or shrink away, as “YOU CANNOT SEE MY FACE, FOR NO MAN CAN SEE ME AND LIVE!” (Exo. 33:20) stated,
- But enjoy and thrive in His personal presence . . . .