

LUKE I The Resurrection of Christ Text: Luke 24:13–32

The Truth That Sets You Free

–Bill Turner

1. They Thought They Had Planned the Perfect Murder...

–The fake High Priest planned the perfect murder of the True High Priest.

2. They Thought They Had the Perfect Plan...

–Judas a disciple of Jesus would betray Him at night and avoid a riot from crowds

3. They Thought They Had the Perfect Cover-up...

–Forcing Pilate to condemn Jesus for Treason against Rome.

4. But They Didn't Realize this was all according to God's plan before time began

–Jesus would give His life for the sins of the world and Conquer Death in Victory

I. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS IS A PARADIGM-SHATTERING HISTORICAL EVENT

A. WE ARE IMMERSED IN A MATERIALISTIC PARADIGM

1. Our Schools Taught us an Atheistic / Darwinian Evolution Worldview

- That there is no God—only matter and molecules
- There is no spirit / only flesh,
- There is No Mind / Only Matter and Chemicals
- There is no Truth / only Post-Modern Myths
- There is No Good or Evil / Only Survival of the Fittest...
- There is NO Life After Death / Only a cold, dark, emptiness of space

2. Tolstoy reached the end of the road of Atheism and realized it's emptiness

- a) *“One who sincerely inquires how he is to live cannot be satisfied with the reply—‘study in endless space the mutations, infinite in time and complexity, of innumerable atoms, and then you will understand your life...” / “Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.” —Leo Tolstoy*

3. But Science Will save us Right? Technology Will Save us Right?

- The 20th Century was the Most Advanced Century and the Bloodiest...
 - (1) Invention of **Mechanized Warfare** / **Biological Warfare** / **Atomic Warfare**,
 - (2) The **Concentration Camps**, The **Gulags**, The **Killing Fields**
 - (3) Now w/ enough nuclear payload, to destroy the Surface of the Planet 10x over.

“The 20th century gave rise to one of the greatest and most distressing paradoxes of human history: that the greatest intolerance and violence of that century were practiced by those who believed that religion caused intolerance and violence.”

- Alister McGrath, “The Twilight of Atheism: The Rise and Fall of Disbelief in the Modern World”

**4. IF the Atheistic Darwin Worldview Dominating the West is so enlightened—
then why is it the same worldview enforced by law in Every
Communist Dictatorship in Europe and Asia as well?!**

- a) By Law—it cannot be questioned in American Schools
- b) By Law— it cannot be Questioned in Every Totalitarian regime in the World!
So You Cannot Question the “Science” and you cannot Question the State

Here is a Young Girl posting on an Atheist Website...

“I’m confused... I always believed science would be the cure-all for my problems, but I don’t know if I can keep living without eternal life. I guess I’ll just have to find a way myself to make it through this meaningless existence. I just wish I knew of someone who could show me the path to eternal life. If science can’t provide the answers, though, than who or what can!? *sigh* Doesn’t it seem like there is a higher power that gives our lives purpose? Well, science says there isn’t, so there isn’t.” ¹

5. Where do these questions & yearnings of the heart come from? From GOD

- a) He Created us in His Image!
- b) He Put Eternity Into Our Hearts! (Ecc 3:11 NIV)

B. THIS IS WHY THE RESURRECTION SEEMS TO GOOD TO BE TRUE

- 1. Even the Disciples Couldn’t Fully Comprehend it!**
- 2. They are walking with the Risen Savior and don’t even realize it**
- 3. And We Struggle to Comprehend It Ourselves!**
- 4. It Shatters Every Worldly Paradigm We Were Immersed In**

II. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS OPENS OUR EYES TO THE TRUTH

A. JESUS OPENED THIER EYES TO THE TRUTH... (v.25-27)

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

1. Over 350 Messianic prophecies—ALL Fulfilled in Jesus!

He is found in every book of OT

- He is the promise to Eve (Genesis 3:15)
- The promise to Abraham (Genesis 22:18) that would bless all nations
- The Passover lamb (Exodus 12)
- The scapegoat (Leviticus 16)
- The greater Prophet (Deuteronomy 18:15)
- The star and scepter (Numbers 24:17)
- The Good Shepherd (Psalm 23)

¹ Evidence for the Resurrection, p.8, Josh & Sean McDowell; Regal Books 2009

- The child to be born (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6)
- The suffering Savior (Isaiah 50:6)
- The Heir of the Throne of David (Ezekiel 34:23)
- The Ruler born in Bethlehem who is everlasting (Micah 5:2)
- The pierced Victim and smitten Shepherd (Zechariah 12:10; 13:7)
- The Messenger of the Covenant (Malachi 3:1)
- The Sun of Righteousness (Malachi 4:2)

Like all roads in England lead to London: All the Bible leads to Christ [a golden thread]

B. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS OPENS OUR EYES TO THE TRUTH...

1. You Are Not an Accident...
2. There is a God who Created you in His Image!
3. You Have a Spirit Within you That Will Lie Forever!
4. There is Meaning and Purpose to Life—to Your Life
5. There is Life After Death
6. There is a God Who created you and loves you with an everlasting love

C. THIS IS THE TRUTH THAT WILL SET YOU FREE

1. Free from the Despair of hopelessness
2. Free From Lies and False Ideologies
3. Free from the Deceptions of the enemy
4. Free from the Darkness that blinds

Jesus said: You Will Know the Truth—and the Truth will set you free!

III. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW CREATION

A. JESUS RESURRECTION CHANGED THE WORLD FOREVER

1. The Creator of Time and Space—Entered Time and Space...

Behind Enemy Lines to spiritually & radically alter the course of History!

“Some see the miracles recorded in scripture as an implausible suspension of the laws of the physical universe. As signs, though, they serve just the opposite function. Death, decay, entropy, and destruction are the true suspensions of God’s laws; miracles are the early glimpses of restoration. “Jesus miracles display the true laws of the new creation. Jesus healings are not supernatural miracles in a natural world. They are the only truly natural things in a world that is unnatural, demonized and wounded”. -Jurgen Moltmann

2. Eternity Broke Into Time and delivered victory over death

By His Resurrection from the Dead! (1 Corinthians 15:21–22)

... According to Paul the Risen One is the first fruits ... of the approaching harvest of the world. “For as by one man came death, by one man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive”. That is to say, as the process of death, once the stone has started rolling, can no longer be stopped but changes the whole of world history into one great dance of death, so also can the

resurrection of the world once it has started no longer be stopped. It is like the awakening of the spring of the world. The movement cannot cease until the whole creation has become new.... (Karl Heim)²

- **The Resurrection of Christ** is not just another event in a sequence of historical events [Like the miracles of healing or raising the dead we read about in the Bible]
- The resurrection of Jesus is the miracle of ALL miracles!
- It Transcends all of history / all of Space & Time / all the physical laws of the universe
- It is the Beginning of the New Creation! / The Last Enemy Destroyed is Death!

3. The effects of Death are being reversed and even Satan cannot stop it!
The Last Enemy to be destroyed is death (1 Corinthians 15:24–26)

B. WE ARE NOW A PART OF THE NEW CREATION!

1. Sometimes We Wonder IF We Will Ever Be Able to Change

- a) Can we escape the mistakes of our past?
- b) If who I Am is a Result of My Past...
- c) And Since I Cannot Change the Past... Then How Can I Change Myself?

This is Why Some People Loose Hope & Give Up

2. With Man This is Impossible—But With God All Things Are Possible!
God Has Made a Way! — (2 Corinthians 5:17)

- a) We enter into Christ when we are buried with Christ in Baptism...
- b) Then raised to New Life! (Romans 6:4)
- c) Born Again as a New Creation—a Child of God!

3. We Can Now Share in Victory Over Death! (Romans 8:11)

C. THIS WAS THE PLAN FROM BEFORE TIME BEGAN!

- 1. Accomplished by Christ on the cross (2 Timothy 1:9–10)**
- 2. It was the only way we could be saved!**

You Can Be Born Again!

To Step Out of the Person You've Been

To Become the Person You Were Meant to Be!

CONCLUSION:

1. Romans 6:23

² Karl Heim, Jesus. Cited by Jack Cottrell, Faith Once For All, p.277