

Resurrection FAQs

1. ***Did Jesus rise from the dead in His body?*** Yes. People confirmed Jesus was dead and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb. Three days later people visited His tomb and found the *body* missing. This is different from what happens when we die.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. (Matthew 28:5-6)

2. ***Is Jesus' resurrection body really physical?*** Yes. People recognized Jesus, saw the crucifixion wounds in His hands, touched Him, and ate with Him.

[Jesus] said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." 40When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. (Luke 24:38-40)

3. ***How is Jesus' resurrection body different from a "normal" physical body?*** Jesus' body is a transformed physical body without the limitations and weaknesses we have.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. (John 20:19-20)

4. ***Will our bodies be like His when we are raised from the dead?*** Yes. Our physical bodies will be changed to be like His heavenly body!

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. (Philippians 3:20-21)

Enjoy Easter baskets, egg hunts, and pretty dresses—yet be sure to point to the reason for this special day: the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It's the most well-attested miracle in the Bible and the most amazing event in human history. And it affects our lives today and for eternity. Jesus certainly died and was buried. Three days later He came back to life—actually, bodily, and eternally. He now lives to lead our lives and direct His church. Do your children know and believe this?

All In on Easter

All In or Playing It Safe?

If you're going to try to follow what the Bible has to say about worshipping God, being a Christian, following Jesus, then you need to give your heart entirely to it. Whole-hearted, all in—because small bets, safe bets just won't do it. Pastor Dan

1. By personality or upbringing, what's your tendency in life—to go all in or play it safe? Who or where did you get it from?
2. How has this tendency helped you in some situations? How has it hurt you in others? Give examples.
3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-20. Note all the implications of Jesus *not* rising from the dead according to these verses. What do you think Paul means in verse 17?

4. Do you believe that Jesus actually died then came back to life three days later? How did belief in His resurrection affect the lives of early Christians? How should it affect the way we live? Consider these verses:

⇒ Acts 4:8-13—

⇒ Acts 26:4-8, 12-23—

⇒ Colossians 3:1-4—

⇒ Philippians 3:4-11—

5. What would it look like in a person's life to go "all in" with Jesus? How can you tell when someone is "playing it safe" with Christianity?
6. Would you say you're all in, playing it safe, or somewhere in between in your relationship with Jesus? What holds you back? What will you do about it?

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still on your sins. . . . But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:17, 20