



Only a RISEN SAVIOR can save a dying world.

In 1900 B.C. Judaism's Father Abraham died.

In 483 B.C. Buddhist writings say Buddha died "with that utter passing away in which nothing whatever remains behind."

June 6, 632 A.D. Mohammed died.

In 33 A.D., Jesus died but came back to life, appearing to 500 people over 40 days.

Scholars tell us that there is more evidence that Jesus Christ came out of that grave than that Julius Caesar ever lived.

"I humbly add I have spent more than 42 years as a defense trial lawyer appearing in many parts of the world ... 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." – Sir Lionel Luckhoo

"The resurrection of Christ is the most verifiable fact of ancient history" – Simon Greenleaf

1. **Our past can be forgiven.**

We deserve to *die* as the penalty for sin.

We deserve to *bear God's wrath* against sin.

We are *separated* from God by our sins.

We are in *bondage to sin* and to the kingdom of Satan.

What we are is a lot worse than anything we have ever done.

A thermometer will tell if a person has a fever, but swallowing the thermometer will not cure the fever.

Through Jesus' blood, I have been forgiven of my sins. (Mt 26:28; 1 Jn 1:7)

Through Jesus' death, I have been freed from my sin. (Rom 6:6)

Through Jesus' death, I have been freed from the law. (Rom 6:14)

When He died, so did my sin.

When He rose, so did my hope.

Resurrection is God's AMEN to Christ's statement: IT IS FINISHED.

Who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

Romans 4:25



Jesus' resurrection moved us from sin to sonship.

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God." John 20:17

2. **Our future can be secure.**

The three stages of life are embryo, earth, and eternity.

Born once, die twice. (Rev 20:6)

Born twice, die once. (Jn 3:3)

Death is a door, not a dead end. (1 Cor 15:20; 1 Thes 4:13-14)

Death is a shadow, not a sting (Ps 23:4; 1 Cor 15:56)

Hope: an anchor for the soul

This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, Hebrews 6:19

An anchor secures a vessel to the bed of a body of water to prevent the craft from drifting due to wind or current.

Heaven is our future home and our present home.

Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, Titus 2:13

When we forget where we are going, we get discouraged by what we are going through.

Return to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope. Even today I declare That I will restore double to you. Zechariah 9:12

3. **Our present can be made new.**

Jesus gives peace today.

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." John 20:19

Jesus gives purpose today.

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." John 20:21



Jesus gives power today.

And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. John 20:22

This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead. John 21:14

To the discouraged, He showed the Scriptures.

To doubters, He showed the scars.

To the defeated, He showed the supernatural.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8

I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. Revelation 1:18