

The Apostles' Creed

The Third Day He Rose Again from the Dead

Isaiah 53:10-11 ❖ 1 Corinthians 15:1-20

"The most important of the primitive creeds scattered throughout the New Testament is 1 Corinthians 15:3-6. The apostle Paul records the summary of the Christian faith that he was taught immediately after his conversion: that Christ died for sins and rose from the dead before many witnesses. Since Paul is quoting something very early here - the foundational creed of the Jerusalem church - it means these are the first Christian words of which we have any record, preceding the writing of any other New Testament book by several years."
("Wisdom from the Ancients," Bryan M. Liftin, p. 113)

The Third Day

The Jews counted _____ of days as whole days.

"Christ was raised on the _____ day ..." (1 Corinthians 15:4).

"_____ Magdalene went to the disciples with the _____: 'I have seen the _____!'" (John 20:18).

In 1 Corinthians 15:3-6, Paul uses an early Christian _____ to present _____ facts.

He Rose Again from the Dead

"After the suffering of His soul, He will see the _____ of _____ and be satisfied" (Isaiah 53:11).

The Bible contains several stories of people who were _____ from the dead, but they eventually died _____.

God raised Jesus from the _____, and He will never die _____!

"In Jesus' resurrection, death is not _____; it is _____!"
("A Christian Primer," Al Winn, p. 136)

The Corinthians had a hard time believing that a _____ could be resurrected, because they believed in the immortality of the _____.

In 1 Corinthians 15:5-8, Paul goes to great lengths to list _____ of the _____-resurrection appearances of Jesus.

In verse 12, Paul relates what was happening in _____ that _____ him to write this section of his letter. Some in the _____ were saying there was _____ resurrection of the dead.

What It Means for Us

If Jesus had _____ been raised from the dead:

- 1) "Our _____ would be futile" (v. 17a)
- 2) "We would still be in our _____" (v. 17b)
- 3) "Our loved ones would be _____" (vv. 18-19)

"But Christ has _____ been raised from the dead!" (v. 20)

"The issue on which _____ hangs is whether or not Jesus _____ from the dead." ("The Reason for God, Tim Keller, p. 202)

Takeaway

_____ is the most significant Christian celebration. Jesus' resurrection is included in each of the _____ Gospels, but Luke is the _____ one who includes Jesus' _____.

The resurrection of Jesus is the _____ of the Christian faith.

By the year 355 A.D., Marius Victorinus had spent his life as an _____ of Christianity. Yet as an old man, he professed faith in _____. It would be like the famous _____ Stephen Hawking becoming a Christian. When he asked to be baptized one Sunday at a church in Rome, gasps of _____ burst from the congregation, followed by great _____. Victorinus spent his last few years writing commentaries on the letters of _____. He famously prayed:

"Have _____ on me, Lord! Because He lives eternally, _____ life has been begotten.
May I, at last, rest in the dwelling place of _____."
("Wisdom from the Ancients," Bryan M. Liftin, p. 84)

