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Section: Doctrine of Christ (Christology)

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**HANDOUT NOTES**

**Q64. Christ Jesus’ body died on the cross, but did He remain dead?**

No. On the third day, Christ rose physically from the grave!

**Q65. Why is it important that Jesus rose from the grave?**

All authority for salvation is granted to Jesus in His resurrection. Without His resurrection, faith in Christ would be useless—no one would be redeemed from sin.

* **Introduction**

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures

**Psalms 16:10** For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

**Acts 2:24** God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

* **Jesus Himself proclaimed in all four Gospels that He must RISE!**

**Mark 8:31** And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.

**1 Corinthians 15:12-19** Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep [died] in Christ have perished. 19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

* **The Evidence of the Resurrection of Jesus**

Scripture is the true and final authority on all matters.

Scripture is enough.

* **The guards**

**Matthew 27:62-66** The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate 63 and said, "Sir, we remember how that impost or said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' 64 Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." 65 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." 66 So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

**Acts 12:3-4**

* **The huge stone**

**Mark 16:1-4** When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back--it was very large.

* **The eyewitness accounts**

**1 Corinthians 15:3-8** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

* **The tomb was not enshrined**

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* **The Importance of the Resurrection**

**Matthew Barrett:** “It is neglected and forgotten until Easter comes around each year. The same disregard for the resurrection is seen in how we share the gospel. Christians tend to share the gospel as if Jesus died on the cross and that is the end of the story. We make a zip line from the crucifixion to ‘repent and believe.’ The cross is central to our salvation, but what God accomplished there is incomplete unless the tomb is empty on Sunday morning. Therefore, the resurrection of Christ is vital ‘for us and our salvation.’"

* **Our new birth (regeneration) is grounded in the resurrection of Jesus Christ**

**1 Peter 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

**Ephesians 2:5-6**even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

* **Our belief and justification is grounded in the resurrection of Christ**

**Romans 4:23-25** But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

* **Our sanctification is grounded in the resurrection of Christ**

**Romans 6:1-14**

* **Why Is the Resurrection of Jesus Good News?**

**John 11:25** (NASB) … "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies”