

The Integrity of the Word of God: 4

The Resurrection – The Guarantee of God's Word

Luke 24.6-8, 25-27

As He Said - Luke 24.6-8

- On Resurrection morning the women went to the tomb and found the stone had been rolled away and the tomb empty.
- As they wondered about what had happened, two men, angelic beings, spoke to them – *'why do you seek the living among the dead, he is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you...'* - Mark's Gospel (Mark 16.7) says "... as He said to you"

Jesus had spoken to them previously on several occasions about his death and resurrection (Matthew 12.39-40; Matthew 16.21; Luke 9.44). He had prepared them for this, but they didn't understand (John 20.9) or have revelation on it.

Matthew 16.17-23

- Jesus told Peter that he was blessed – the Father revealed to him that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God!
- Then Jesus began to show them that He must suffer under the authorities, be rejected and die, but will be raised to life the third day.
- Peter couldn't grasp this, he had no revelation, his thoughts were the thoughts of man, and he argued with Jesus on the subject – Get behind Me, satan!

Luke 24.25-27

- Jesus appeared to two disciples that were travelling to the village of Emmaus.
- They were talking together about all the things that had happened, their hopes and aspirations of deliverance.
- Jesus joined them and began to show from Scriptures all that the Prophets had declared.. "beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures, the things concerning Himself"

For millenia God spoke through the prophets that Jesus would come, die and rise to life again. God is a God of His Word – His Word is true (Psalm 119.160), It is forever settled in heaven (Psalm 119.89).

The odds of all the prophecies concerning Jesus being fulfilled are 10^{38} (1 in a 100 billion, billion, billion, billion*). *source – www.messianic-prophecy.net/messianic-prophecy.htm

The resurrection of Jesus proves to us today that God is a God of His word.

Some prophecies follow concerning the Death & Resurrection of Jesus (with fulfilment verses marked in red)

Betrayal

Psalm 41.9 “Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up *his* heel against me” - (**Mark 14.10-11**)

Zechariah 11.12 “Then I said to them, “If it is agreeable to you, give *me* my wages; and if not, refrain.” So they weighed out for my wages thirty *pieces* of silver” - (**Matthew 26.15**)

Zechariah 11.13 “And the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty *pieces* of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter” - (**Matthew 27.3-7**)

Crucifixion

Isaiah 53.7 “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth” - (**Matthew 27.13-14**)

Psalm 34.20 “He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken” - (**John 19.32-33,36**)

Zechariah 12.10 “..then they will look on Me whom they pierced” - (**John 19.34,37**)

Psalm 22.18 “They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots” - (**John 19.24**)

Resurrection

Psalm 16.10 “For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption”

Psalm 30.3 “O LORD, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit”

Hosea 13.14 “I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction! Pity is hidden from My eyes.”

Jonah 1.17, 2.6; Matthew 12.40 “And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights... I went down to the moorings of the mountains; The earth with its bars *closed* behind me forever; Yet You have brought up my life from the pit, O LORD, my God... **For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth**”

Not one word failed – a guarantee !

Joshua 21.45; 23.14

All God says will come to pass, we can trust His Word. Everything He said about Jesus came to pass, not one word failed.

The resurrection guarantees God's Word!