

**Foundations of the Faith 103**  
**Systematic Theology**  
**Christology Pt. 25**  
**“The Resurrection of Christ”**

## **I. The Importance of Christ’s Resurrection**

- 1. It holds a unique place in Christianity.** No other religion is based on the claim that its founder rose from the dead.
- 2. It is fundamental to Christianity.** See 1 Cor. 15:12-19.
- 3. To Christ Person.**
  - a. If Christ did not rise from the dead, then He was a liar for He predicted that He would. (Matt. 20:19 & Matt. 28:6).
  - b. It sets Him apart as the Son of God. (Rom. 1:4).
  - c. It proves His words are true.
  - d. It proves the Father accepted His sacrifice on the cross!
  - e. It’s necessary for His present work as our High Priest.
- 4. To the Gospel.** No Gospel without it! (See I Cor. 15:1-4 & Rom. 4:25).
- 5. To Believers.** (I Cor. 15:12-19). “Our faith is vain...”

## **II. The Nature of the Resurrection**

What do we mean when we say Christ rose from the dead?

- 1. It was not a spiritual resurrection.**
- 2. It was a resurrection of Christ body.** He was raised in an immortal body. (Rom. 6:9; Rev. 1:18).  
The nature of His resurrection body.

*“Christ death was natural, but His resurrection was supernatural.”* - John R.W. Stott

Christ rose bodily in an immortal body!

- a. The tomb was empty!** (Matt. 28:6; Mk 16:6; Luke 24:3; John 20:1,2).
- b. The angel’s testimony.**

**c. His post resurrection appearances.** (Matt. 28:9; Mk 16:9; Luke 24:13-32; John 20:20).

### **III. The Evidences for Christ Resurrection**

1. Jesus actually died. (Mk 15:42-45)
2. Jesus was buried. (Mk 15:45-47)
3. The tomb was empty. (Mk 16:1-6)
4. The Lord was seen. The order of Christ's appearances between His resurrection and ascension.
  - a. To Mary Magdalene and the other women. (Matt. 28; Mk 16:9; John 20).
  - b. To Peter, that first afternoon. (Luke 24:34; I Cor. 15:5).
  - c. To the disciples on the Emmaus road.
  - d. To the disciples, except Thomas. (Luke 24; John 20).
  - e. To the disciples including Thomas. (Mk 16:14; John 20).
  - f. To the seven disciples at at the Sea of Galilee. (John 21).
  - g. To more than 500 brethren and James, the Lord's half brother. (I Cor. 15:6-7).
  - h. At His Ascension. (Acts 1)
  - i. To the Apostle Paul. (I Cor. 15:8; Acts 9)
5. The disciples were changed. (I Cor. 15:5; Acts 9)
6. The Day of Pentecost. (Acts 2)
7. The Day of Worship.

### **IV. False Things for Christ Resurrection**

1. The wrong tomb theory.
2. The Swoon theory.
3. Thieves stole the body theory. Who? The disciples? The Jews? The Romans?
4. The hallucination theory.

No, Christ is risen! Acts 1:1-3β