John Lesson 49

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INTRODUCTION

- The cornerstone of our faith is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- He was declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of Holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.
- If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain, and ye are yet in your sins.

1 Indeed, Jesus Died

1 Corinthians 15:3–4; John 19

- The Roman soldiers who crucified him knew how to put men to death.
- When they came to Jesus, they saw that he already was dead.
- To guarantee his death, one of the soldiers took a spear and thrust him to his side, from whence came forth both blood and water. Indeed, Jesus died.

2 The Empty Tomb Stands as a Proof

John 20:1–2

- The empty tomb stands as a proof. How did Jesus get out of that tomb?
- They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.
- The disciples did not know that he was to be raised.
- The empty tomb stands as a waterloo to those who would deny the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

3 Raised on the First Day of the Week

Luke 24:21; Matthew 12:40; Esther 5:1

- It was on the first day of the week that he was raised. And that was according to the scriptures.
- In the Hebrew reckoning of time, any day or part of a day, or night or part of a night, was counted as though it were the whole day.
- Today is the third day since these things were done. Now that clearly establishes for us by inspiration what day is the third day. It was the first day of the week.
- The night and day of the preparation was day one. Then the night and day of the Sabbath was day two. Then the night and day of the first day of the week would be the third day.

4 What Happened to His Body?

John 20:3–10; Luke 24:9–11; Matthew 16:21

- Then why did they not produce the body whenever the Christianity began to spread?
- If they knew that simply his body had been stolen by his disciples, why were they willing to die?
- If neither enemy nor friend stole this body, then the argument is that Jesus Christ was raised.

- Why were the clothes even left behind if his body was stolen?
- Their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

5 He Appeared to Many Witnesses

Acts 1:3; John 20:11–18; Matthew 28:9–10

- Not only does the empty tomb argue that he was raised from the grave, but also the fact that he appeared to many witnesses.
- They knew that he was raised by many infallible proofs, as Acts 1 and verse 3 says. He showed himself alive.
- Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself and saith unto him, Raboni, which is to say master.
- Go to my brethren and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and to my God and your God.
- He was in his physical body, the same body that was crucified.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do you believe Christ has arisen and that he's ascended to heaven?**

MY NOTES