

Jesus Christ's Resurrection: The Best Documented Event of Ancient History

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CCPO Note: *Believers in the biblical Jesus hold Resurrection Sunday (“Easter”) as the most sacred observance of the year. Jesus’ resurrection from the dead authenticated His claims that He was God, that He fulfilled the Law by providing the ultimate sacrifice for sin, and that, therefore, He had the authority to forgive the sins of those who choose to believe in Him. “Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins” (John 8:24).*

Do you believe in Jesus, the One Who told us, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life” (John 14:6). If you are unsure, please see [Know God](#). Those of us who do know Jesus comfort one another with the blessed hope of His soon appearing (Titus 2:13).

While Christmas — the birth date of the Messiah, Jesus Christ — marks the watershed of splitting calendar history into two epochs, B.C. and A.D., Easter marks the day and commemorates actual events, however miraculous, that followed the crucifixion and death of Christ that transformed the world forever. But how and why would that torturous event and extreme sorrow associated with the death of the Messiah affect eternity in a positive way? Why should Easter be a joyful time? The answer is neither elusive nor complicated. There are many religions of the world going back thousands of years. But only one of them, Christianity, has a founder who professed to be the Messiah — the son of God — who provided irrefutable proof of who He was by conquering death through resurrection. Easter is the celebration of Christ’s resurrection.

Christ is absolutely unique in being the only person in history who was pre-announced starting a thousand years before He was born, with over 100 prophetic accounts from 18 different prophets from the Old Testament between the 10th and the fourth centuries BC — predicting the specifics of His coming birth, life and death. Hundreds of years later, the details of Christ’s birth, life, betrayal, and death validated those prophecies in surprisingly accurate and minute detail. One thousand years BC, David prophetically wrote about the crucifixion of Christ at a time crucifixion was unknown as a means of execution.

Every other consequential person of history came into the world to live. The death of other religious leaders — such as Abraham, Moses, Buddha, Mohammad, and Confucius — brought an anticlimactic end to their lives and their work. ***But Christ came into the world as God’s son in order to die and pay the price for man’s sin. His sacrifice was the ultimate climax of his life, done for the benefit of all mankind — opening the way to eternal life in Heaven for all who believe.***

Of the five major world religions built on personalities, only Christianity claims its founder is...

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