

They Should Have Known: Burial and Resurrection

Week 3 of 3

THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN HIS BURIAL AND RESURRECTION... WHY?

1. Because it's **E s s e n t i a l**.

*He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: **Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.**"*

Luke 24:44

*Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; **and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.** Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; **and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.***

1 Corinthians 12-17

2. Because it's **E x p e r i e n t i a l**.

*I want to know Christ and the **power of his resurrection** and the fellowship of **sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.***

Philippians 3:10 (NIV)

*I want to know Christ and **experience the mighty power** that raised him from the dead. I want to **suffer with him, sharing in his death.***

Philippians 3:10 (NLT)

3. Because it's **E t e r n a l**.

*And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also **give life to your mortal bodies** through his Spirit, who lives in you*

Romans 8:11 (NIV)

*The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed **we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.***

Romans 8:16-17 (NIV)

Two Questions:

1. Is it all a myth intended to salve the inner insecurities of our fear of the unknown?
2. In the final analysis, what will you do with Jesus?

- Historically, the documents validate Him
- Archeologically, the evidence confirms Him
- Philosophically, the argument demands an answer about Him

SO, WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT REALLY MAKE IN MY LIFE AND THE LIVES OF OTHERS?

1. IT CHANGES YOUR **L I F E**

*"If Christ is in your life, He will make you a new person and **change your life...**"*
2 Corinthians 5:17

2. IT CHANGES YOUR WAY OF **T H I N K I N G**

*"...Don't be molded by the way the world thinks, but let Christ **give you a new way of thinking...**"*

Romans 12:1-2

3. IT CHANGES YOUR **P E R S P E C T I V E** ON LIFE'S PROBLEMS

*"...Nothing that you have to **face each day of your life** can separate you from the love of God..."*

Romans 8:38-39

