

Reactions to the Resurrection

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Introduction to reactions

#1 _____ by the Resurrection

Acts 3:26 "For you first, God raised up His Servant, and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways."

4:1 And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple guard, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

2 being greatly **disturbed** because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. **3** And they laid hands on them, and put them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening. **4** But many of those who had heard the message believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

Matthew 12:40 For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Matthew 16:21 From that time Jesus Christ began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and be raised up on the third day.

Mark 10:34 ...and they will mock Him and spit on Him and scourge Him and Kill Him and three days later He will rise again.

John 14:6 I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

#2 _____ at the Resurrection

Acts 17:18 And also some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers were conversing with him. And some were saying, "What would this idle babbler wish to say?" Others, "He seems to be a proclaimer of strange deities," **19** And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is which you are proclaiming? **20** For you are bringing some strange things to our ears; we want to know therefore what these things mean." **32** Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to **sneer**, but others said, "We shall hear you again concerning this." **33** So Paul went out of their midst. **34** But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

24 The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands, **25** neither is He served by human hands as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things.

What is the result of God's creation? 30 God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent, **31** because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man who He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.

Romans 1:18-22 ...who suppress the truth...became futile in their speculations...their foolish heart was darkened...professing to be wise, they became fools.

#3 Not _____ to the Resurrected Christ

Acts 23:6 But perceiving that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, Paul began crying out in the Council, "Brethren, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; I am on trial for the hope and resurrection of the dead!" **7** And as he said this, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and Sadducees; and the assembly was divided. **8** For the Sadducees say that there is **no resurrection**, nor an angel, nor a spirit; but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.

Matthew 7:22 Many will say to Me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?" **23** And then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness."

Romans 2:16 God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 4:1 Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead...

Philippians 2:10–11 At the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

2 Corinthians 5:17 If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold new things have come.

What is your reaction?

I don't know what to do

I want Christ

I am not certain where I am with Christ

I love Christ

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. What do those who do not follow Christ think about the Resurrection? Why?
2. Why is the Resurrection so important to genuine Christians?
3. Why do many Christians in our country not think about the Resurrection as often as believers in some other countries?
4. What kind of reactions have you seen from others concerning the Resurrection of Christ?
5. Why is it important that those who turn to Christ in salvation understand the truth that Christ genuinely rose from the dead?
6. What are the truths of the Resurrection that are most precious to you? Why?
7. What steps will you take this week to live out the truth of the Resurrection of Christ in everyday life?

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