

Christology Week 11 – The Resurrection of Jesus

This is the central theme of the gospel – it's the main story that the Bible tells. It is the story of redemption, or reconciliation, and of the love of God on display in His Son. This is the heart of the gospel.

Old Testament prophecies

The resurrection was woven into the OT prophetic canon. That is why the NT writers were able to appeal to “the Scriptures” to make their case that the death and resurrection of the Messiah was part of God's great plan for Israel.

Right away, immediately after the fall, we find the first hints (in the protoevangelium) in **Genesis 3:15** - And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.”

READ **Psalm 2** (the perfect encapsulation of Christ's ministry, death, and resurrection)

Psalm 16:9-11 - Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will dwell securely. For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay. You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

READ **Psalm 22:18-15**

READ **Psalm 30**

Psalm 118:22-23 -- The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner *stone*. This is the Lord's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.

READ **Isaiah 53**

Hosea 5:14-6:3 – For I *will be* like a lion to Ephraim and like a young lion to the house of Judah. I, even I, will tear to pieces and go away, I will carry away, and there will be none to deliver. I will go away *and* return to My

place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me.

“Come, let us return to the Lord. For He has torn *us*, but He will heal us; He has wounded *us*, but He will bandage us. He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day, that we may live before Him. So let us know, let us press on to know the Lord. His going forth is as certain as the dawn; And He will come to us like the rain, like the spring rain watering the earth.”

Zechariah 12:10 - “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.”

New Testament predictions of the crucifixion and resurrection

Although Jesus’ contemporaries may not have seen the crucifixion and resurrection in the text (it was admittedly hard to decipher before the actual events), they also had a series of clear statements from Jesus:

John 2:19-22 – Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?” But He was speaking of the temple of His body. So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

Matthew 12:38-40 – Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.” But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and *yet* no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; for just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

Matthew 17:22-23 -- And while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands

of men; and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day.” And they were deeply grieved.

Matthew 20:17-19 -- As Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve *disciples* aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify *Him*, and on the third day He will be raised up.”

Matthew 26:26-32 -- While they were eating, Jesus took *some* bread, and after a blessing, He broke *it* and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”³⁰ After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, ‘I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered.’³² But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

John 10 17-18 -- For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”

John 16:16-22 - “A little while, and you will no longer see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me.” *Some* of His disciples then said to one another, “What is this thing He is telling us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I go to the Father’?” So they were saying, “What is this that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not know what He is talking about.” Jesus knew that they wished to question Him, and He said to them, “Are you deliberating together about this, that I said, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me’? Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy. Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the

world. Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one *will* take your joy away from you.