

I. Jesus Christ died for our sins

A. He fulfilled the scriptures by his death

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5)

B. He fulfilled the scriptures by his burial

“He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.” (Isaiah 53:9)

C. He fulfilled the scriptures by dying for our sins

“We all like sheep, have gone astray each of us has turned to his own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” (Isaiah 53:6)

D. He fulfilled the scriptures by his resurrection

“Because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.” (Psalm 16:10)

II. Jesus Christ’s resurrection from the dead is a historical fact

A. His burial place was well known

B. The disciples did not expect to see Jesus alive

\*picture of woman at the tomb

C. The tomb was empty

\*picture of empty tomb

D. The resurrection of Jesus was announced by angels

E. The first witnesses were Roman guards

\*picture of sealed tomb

F. The grave clothes were left behind

\*picture of grave clothes

G. There were many eye witnesses

“After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.” (Acts 1:3)

H. The witnesses recorded their testimony

I. There was no debate from Jesus’ enemies

J. The disciples were radically changed

K. The church exploded in growth

L. The disciples never changed their story

III. Jesus Christ changed history

A. Jesus gives us a hope for the future

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, - kept in heaven for you.” (I Peter 1:3-4)

B. Jesus gives us victory over death

“The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!” (I Corinthians 4:14)

C. Jesus gives us resurrection life

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.” (John 11:25)