

the seed in his parable. He died for our sins, get buried and resurrected on the third day. He ascended to heaven and granted us the Holy Spirit so that all who believe and accept Him will not perish and be given eternal life.

Dear friends, this resurrected Lord who has triumphed over Satan, death and sin – Jesus Christ, has saved hundreds and thousands of people. Now, He wants to save you and give you eternal life. So, you should open your heart and accept Him to be your personal saviour. You can rely on Him all your life. Please follow and pray to Jesus, 'My Lord Jesus, I believe and accept you as my saviour. Please forgive the sins I have committed in my life. Be my saviour and live in me. Give me your life and the Holy Spirit. I will hand over my life to you. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.'

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Jesus the resurrected Saviour

There were once a Buddhist and a Muslim boasting to a Christian, 'Our spiritual leaders Siddhartha Gautama and Muhammad were lying in the grave and people still went there to pay tribute to them. Your Saviour Jesus, however, was not in the grave. His grave was empty.' The Christian replied, 'Well, your leaders were in the grave because they were humans. They were under the control of death themselves, so their followers cannot triumph over death. Only Jesus Christ's grave is empty. He died on the cross and was tried by God for our sins. On the third day, he was raised from death. So, all who believe in Him will be forgiven and they will not perish but have eternal life instead.'

What the Christian said is right. Since our ancestor committed sin, death has come to us all. No one can escape the clutches of death. All people, including religious leaders, presidents, the rich, scientists, doctors and ordinary people, have to face death and in the next life, they have to face God's trial and end up in the lake of fire and eternal death. The loving God has prepared salvation for all of us. He sent His beloved son Jesus to the world and died in our place on the cross. Jesus resurrected on the third day so that the sins of all believers of Him can be pardoned and they will all be given eternal life. As the Bible says, 'Since the children have flesh and blood, he too

shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death- that is, the devil- and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.’ (Hebrews 2:14-15)

Some people may ask, ‘How do we really know Jesus resurrected?’ Let us verify it from a few aspects.

I. The prediction in the Bible

In about 600 years before Jesus died and resurrected (around 500 B.C.), God prophesied through prophet Isaiah that Jesus would die for sinners in the world and be raised from death. As said in the Bible, ‘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.’(Isaiah53:6) and ‘After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.’(Isaiah53:11) The script here mentions Jesus not only died for our sins, but saw the suffering of his soul which means his resurrection. Seeing so many people justified by His act, he would feel satisfied. This prophesy was fulfilled by Jesus and it is still being fulfilled because there are countless people saved every day, enjoying the salvation.

II. Jesus’ own prophesy

According to the Bible, Jesus told his followers and the crowd that listened to his speeches many times

that he would be killed and then resurrected on the third day. ‘From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.’ (Matthew 16:21) His disciples did not understand and even did not believe Him for it was hard to imagine such thing happening to the Lord. However, when He was really raised from death, they remembered what He had said before. They not only believed He was resurrected, but also testified for it.

Besides, all people who are anti-Christ have not yet showed us any proof to challenge the fact of Jesus’ resurrection. On the contrary, there are many evidences pointing to the fact. The well-known Red Cross originated from Jesus’ death on the cross. Why is Sunday a holiday in many countries? Why is it also the first day of a week? It is the day to remember Jesus’ resurrection as people can worship God on this day. It is a pity that many people still do not know God’s love and experience God’s salvation.

III. Jesus died and resurrected to give people life

Let us ponder what Jesus said about the purpose of his resurrection. Before his death, he said, ‘I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.’(John 12:24) Lord Jesus is like