

# WHAT the BIBLE TEACHES about GOD and JESUS CHRIST

## Lesson 7 - Part 1

### THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

**The resurrection of Jesus Christ is important.**

1. In Lesson 6 we studied about the death of Jesus Christ. In the Part 5 of Lesson 6 we discussed some wrong ways of thinking about the death of Jesus Christ.

Which answer is right?

Jesus Christ died:

- to satisfy God's just demands or penalty for sin.
- as an example for people.

Jesus Christ died:

- to make a sacrifice for sin.
- just to show God's love.

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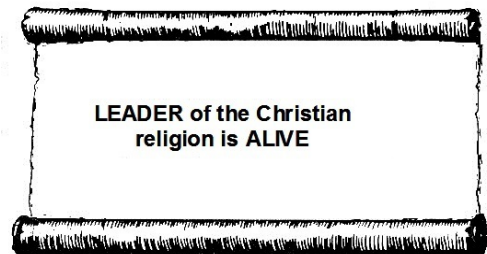
2. Jesus Christ died to satisfy God's just demands or penalty for sin.  
Jesus Christ died to make a sacrifice for sin.

In this lesson we are beginning to study the resurrection of Christ.

We want to learn that:

- At the end of Jesus Christ's earthly life, He died, was buried, and rose from the dead.
- The leader of the Christian religion is alive.

Some people do not believe that Jesus really died. Some people do not believe that Jesus Christ really rose from the dead. This is not a new way of thinking. Some people thought this way even



when the apostle Paul lived. This is the way Paul answered these people.  
**Read** 1 Corinthians 15:1-19.

1 Corinthians 15:17,19

*And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile (worth nothing); you are still in your sins. . . . If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.*

If Christ did not rise again, what would be worth nothing?

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3. Our faith would be futile or worth nothing. We would still be in our sins. We would be like all other religions. There are many religions in the world. Each religion has a leader. These leaders lived, died, and were buried. Their bodies stayed in the grave. Jesus Christ lived, died and was buried. However, Jesus Christ's body did not stay in the grave, but rose from the dead.

<b>CHRISTIAN RELIGION</b>	<b>OTHER RELIGION</b>
<b>Leader - lived</b>	<b>Leader - lived</b>
<b>- died</b>	<b>- died</b>
<b>- buried</b>	<b>- buried</b>
<b>- alive</b>	<b>- dead</b>

How is the leader of the Christian religion different from the leaders of other religions?

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4. The leader of the Christian religion is alive. The leaders of all other religions have died and are buried.

Let us look at a few things which happened to Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:3,4

*For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.*

What three things happened to Jesus Christ?

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5. Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. **Read** Isaiah 53:1-12.

Isaiah 53:7

*He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.*

What would happen to the One spoken of in this verse?

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6. "This One" would die. Now see what happened to Jesus.

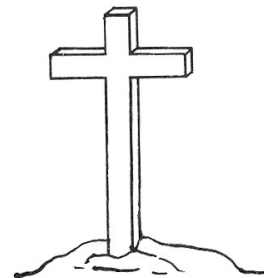
**Read** Acts 8:32-35.

Acts 8:32

*The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth."*

Acts 8:35

*Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.*



John 19:30

*When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

What happened to Jesus?

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7. Jesus died. He died as the Lamb of God and took our sin on Himself.

Isaiah 53:9

*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.*

What would happen to Jesus after his death?

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8. After His death, He would be buried. **Read** John 19:38-42.

What did the men do with the body of Jesus?

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9. Joseph and Nicodemus buried the body of Jesus. Joseph was a rich man. It was done as the Old Testament said it was to be done.

The Psalm writer says that the Holy One would not see decay. This means His body will not rot or stay in the grave. Job says that the Redeemer lives and in the end will be on earth.



Job 19:25

*I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.*

Psalm 16:10

*Because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.*

What does the Old Testament say about the Redeemer?

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10. The Old Testament says “the Redeemer” will live again.

After Joseph and Nicodemus buried Jesus, they rolled a stone in front of the grave. Then they left the grave. The morning of the first day of the week, some of the women came and found the grave empty. Jesus' body was not in the grave.

**Read** Luke 24:1-8.

Who was in the grave instead of Jesus?

What was their message?

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11. Two men were sitting in the grave. They said, “He is not here; he has risen!”

**Read** Matthew 27:65,66 and 28:1-4.

Pilate had put guards at the tomb. There was a very great earthquake and an angel rolled the stone from the tomb.

What happened to the guards?

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12. The guards were very afraid and became like dead men.

Matthew 28:5,6

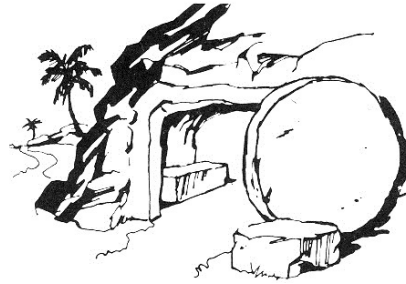
*The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”*

Where was Jesus?

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13. Jesus was alive - He was not in the grave.

The leader of the Christian religion is alive. This is very important. History books tell us of leaders of different religions. Because they were people, they died. Jesus is the only One who rose from the dead.



What is special or different about the leader of the Christian religion?

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14. The leader of the Christian religion is alive. This is very important.

What three things happened at the end of the earthly life of Jesus Christ?

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15. **Memorize** Revelation 1:18.

*I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.*

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