

Outline – April 4, 2021
John 20:1-9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, 2:9
Is There Life Beyond The Grave?

One Of The Most Asked Questions
“Is There Life After Death?”

- I. **The most common answers**
 - A. Death is the end
 - 1. Laws of physics don't support this
 - 2. Anthropology doesn't support
 - B. Soul sleep – not supported by Jesus or His Word
 - C. Recycling (reincarnation)
 - D. Spirit/soul lives in limbo
 - E. Spirit/soul goes before God as saved or lost

- II. **What Jesus said about the subject**
 - A. Let not your heart be troubled – (John 14:1-6)
 - B. Believe in Him
 - C. In His Father's House – many mansions
 - D. Going to prepare a place for us
 - E. Where I am you will be also
 - F. I will come again and receive you
 - G. I am the Way, Truth, and Life
 - H. I am the Resurrection and the Life

- III. **Jesus speaks based on the authority of the resurrection**
 - A. If Jesus defeats death, He can make promises concerning afterlife
 - B. Thus His word, His life, His resurrection is more authoritative than opinion, speculation, or hypothesis

- IV. **What facts (evidence) is there for the resurrection of Jesus?**
 - A. Prophetic facts
 - 1. His resurrection was predicted – Psalm 16
 - 2. His crucifixion was predicted – Psalm 22; Isaiah 53
 - 3. Crucified during Passover, buried during Feast of Unleavened Bread and rose from dead during Feast of First Fruits
 - B. Eyewitnesses
 - 1. Woman saw Him first
 - 2. Disciples (doubters, deniers and done) were transformed
 - 3. 500 eyewitnesses
 - 4. Saul of Tarsus – (Apostle Paul)
 - 5. Died for what they saw
 - 6. Transformed lives

- C. Historical realities
 - 1. Tomb was empty
 - 2. No other reasonable explanation
 - 3. A shroud that points to the resurrection – (A picture of Jesus' miracle)
- D. An early creed quoted in 1st Corinthians 15:3-6
- E. Predicted, declared by Jesus

V. What does resurrection prove?

- A. Jesus is everything He claims
 - 1. Way, Truth and Life
 - 2. Resurrection and Life
 - 3. Savior of world
 - 4. God the Son
- B. His offer is real
 - 1. Forgiveness, grace
 - 2. Adoption of God
 - 3. Eternal life
- C. His gift is free
- D. Death has been defeated
- E. What Jesus declares is truth
 - 1. Life goes on
 - 2. He prepares a place for us
- F. Life goes on
- G. For the believer, heaven awaits
 - 1. NDE confirm

VI. Eternal life is real

- A. Life in paradise can be yours
- B. You can be a part of His Kingdom
- C. Abundant life today, eternal life tomorrow
- D. Reunion with loved ones
- E. As He makes all things new
- F. New heaven, new earth
- G. You live forever

It's Why We Celebrate The Resurrection

Good News Of Great Joy For All People

