

RESURRECTION OF CHRIST I

RESURRECTION OF CHRIST AS DOCTRINE

TRUTH AND REALITY

- ① FORETOLD BY THE PROPHETS
- ② PREDICTED BY CHRIST
- ③ TESTIFIED BY
 ┌ ANGELS (MT. 28:6)
 └ WOMEN (MK. 16:10)
 └ APOSTLES (LK. 24:34)
- ④ TAUGHT BY THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH (ACTS)

NATURE AND CIRCUMSTANCES

- ① REUNION OF BODY AND SOUL TO A GLORIOUS LIFE
- ② TRANSFIGURED SOUL REANIMATES THE BODY
- ③ NEW KIND OF HUMAN LIFE BEGINS
- ④ BODY NO LONGER BURDEN ON THE SOUL
- ⑤ NEW SOURCES OF KNOWLEDGE, JOY AND POWER
- ⑥ BODY BECOMES
 - 1) IMMORTAL, 2) IMPASSIBLE
 - 3) INDEPENDENT OF FOOD, SLEEP
 - 4) BEAUTIFULLY RADIANT
 - 5) FREEDOM FROM PASSION, MATERIAL RESISTANCE
 - 6) AGILE, SUBTLE, POWERFULLY

MANNER OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

- ① THREE DAYS AFTER CRUCIFIXION
- ② UNSEEN BY HUMAN WITNESSES
- ③ BY CHRIST'S OWN DIVINE POWER, WITH THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

FEATURES OF THE FORTY DAYS

- ① REACTION OF CHRIST'S ENEMIES
- ② CHOICE OF PERSONS WHO SAW CHRIST
- ③ APPEARANCE TO OUR LADY
- ④ WHY NOT CONSTANTLY?
- ⑤ ROLE OF THE ANGELS
- ⑥ WHY FORTY DAYS?
- ⑦ ROLE OF MARY MAGDALEN
- ⑧ APPEARANCE OR APPARITION
- ⑨ CHRIST'S STUDIED EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE REALITY OF THE RESURRECTION
- ⑩ ROLE OF THOMAS THE APOSTLE
- ⑪ PRELUDE TO THE ASCENSION
- ⑫ PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

SIGNIFICANCE

- ① DEMONSTRATED THE TRUTH OF CHRIST'S TEACHING AND CLAIMS; CROWNING MIRACLE OF CHRIST'S LIFE
- ② DELIVERED US FROM TYRANNY OF SATAN, WHO HAD ENSLAVED MAN THRO PASSIONS, SIN AND DEATH — CHRIST'S DEATH MERITED OUR REDEMPTION, HIS RESURRECTION BEGAN THE CONFERRAL OF THE GRACES MERITED
- ③ COMPLETED THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE INCARNATION
- ④ PROVIDES THE MEANS WE NEED TO REACH HEAVEN
- ⑤ PROMISES OUR OWN FINAL RESURRECTION

IMPLICATIONS

- ① INSPIRES JOY, WITH CHRIST IN HIS VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH
- ② EVOKES OUR FAITH IN CHRIST, OUR GOD AND KING
- ③ AROUSES HOPE THAT WE SHALL JOIN HIM
- ④ ANIMATES OUR LOVE FOR THE RISEN CHRIST
 - IN HEAVEN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF HIS FATHER
 - IN THE EUCCHARIST AS THE OBJECT OF OUR WORSHIP, PRAYERS, AND AFFECTION