

# “What the resurrection of Jesus Christ means to me”

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1. **The resurrection** disapproved the greatest hoax in all the world. The hoax that Jesus didn't really die or come back to life, that his disciples overpowered the Roman soldiers, broke the seal of the great stone that guarded the entrance to the tomb, stole the body, created an illusion among the followers of Jesus, and was willing to die terrible deaths concerning something they knew was not true.
2. **His resurrection** proved that Jesus is God as he says in **John 10:17-18**.
3. His resurrection proved that the sins of the world were truly paid for his death and resurrection to remove the curse of sin. **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:3-4**.
4. **His resurrection** means that he is alive now.  
**Rev 1:18** *I am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, **I am alive for evermore**, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.  
**Heb 9:24** For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, **now to appear in the presence of God for us:**
5. **His resurrection** gives us hope, purpose, an assurance.  
**1Co 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

## Because he lives, this is what I can expect!

1. **I can expect Jesus Christ to keep his promises he made to ME.**
  - a. If I trust him he will save me from hell
  - b. if I trust him he will give me the free gift of eternal life to be with him forever
  - c. if I trust him I will become his child whom he will never cast out or for sake
  - d. He promised to give me the Holy Spirit the moment I believe to teach, lead guide, comfort, and use me for his honor and glory when I choose to walk with the Lord.
  - e. He promised me eternal rewards for my least humble service.
  - f. I know that my labour is not in vain in the Lord.  
*1Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*
2. **I can expect Jesus Christ to keep his promises he made to the CHURCH.**
  - a. Christ promised to build a mansion for his bride  
**John 14:1-3, 29** and **10, Rev. 21:2, 9-10** Holy City
  - b. Christ promised his bride a huge banquet and wedding ceremony  
**Rev. 19:7-9**
3. **I can expect Jesus Christ to keep his promises he made to ISRAEL.**
  - a. Jesus promised to set up a kingdom with Israel and he would be there king. As
  - b. **Rev. 11:15, Ezk. 37:21-28**
4. **I expect the Lord Jesus Christ to come for me at anytime**
  - a. **1Th 4:16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
  - b. **1Th 4:17** Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
  - c. **1Th 4:18** Wherefore comfort one another with these words.