

# BIBLICAL REASON WHY JESUS AROSE FROM THE DEAD!

**TEXT: Acts 2:22-24**

## **INTRO:**

### **A. The glorious FACT the text sets before us.**

1. It was not a "hoax" it is a historical **FACT!** Jesus did not just "swoon"! Jesus was not stolen!
  - a. Scoffer: Swoon? How could a beaten, bleeding MAN remove a stone and overtake the guards?
  - b. Scoffer: Stolen? Where did the disciple get their courage? How did they overpower the guards?
  - c. Scoffer: Fiction? Why would a scared, denying disciple **CONFRONT** Jesus murderers (TEXT)?
2. It is a **FACT!** Jesus **DIED!** It is a **FACT!** Jesus **AROSE** from the dead!
  - a. Thousand **SAW** his death! Romans! Jew! Mockers! Scoffers! Criminals! Disciples!
  - b. No less than 513 men and women saw Jesus **AFTER** he arose (I Cor. 15:3-8)

### **B. But why? Why did Jesus arise from the dead?**

1. It was **NOT** to produce a "token", "shallow", "once a year" Christianity!
2. It was **NOT** to line the pockets of the retailers - "Easter bunny" and "Easter madness".
3. It was **NOT** so people could get caught up in the "ecumenical & pagan spirit" of Easter
  - a. The evils of the **PAGAN** worship in the house of the Lord (Ezekiel 8:5-10, 13-18).
  - b. "Tammuz" was the husband of the goddess "Ishtar" - "Easter" is a corruption of "Ishtar".

### **C. But, Praise the Lord, there are many BIBLICAL, God honoring, Christ exalting reasons that Jesus arose from the dead!**

1. A look at some **BIBLICAL REASON WHY JESUS AROSE FROM THE DEAD!**

## **I. JESUS AROSE FROM THE DEAD BECAUSE IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BE HELD BY DEATH (Acts 2:22-24).**

### **A. Death, the grave, and hell have a RIGHT to the lost (Rom. 6:23).**

1. "WAGES" - what sinful man is "owed" (Rom. 6:23).
  - a. "The soul that sinneth it **SHALL** die" (Ezk. 18:4).
2. God would be **JUST** if He sent every sinner to hell!

### **B. Death, the grave, and hell had no RIGHT to Jesus**

1. "It was **NOT POSSIBLE** that he should be holden of it" (Acts 2:24).
2. It was not possible *because* he had no **PERSONAL** sin to hold him in death (I Pet. 2:22; Heb. 7:26-27).
3. It was not possible *because* the sin that had he took care of.
  - a. He bore the **PENALTY** of sin in the believing sinners place (I Peter 2:24; Heb 9: 28).
  - b. He **DID AWAY** with the sin that he had laid on him (Heb 9: 28).

### **C. Oh what victory!**

1. Jesus went through enemy territory to conquer the enemy (Heb. 2:14-15).

## **II. JESUS AROSE FROM THE DEAD TO KEEP HIS PROMISE AND FULFILL HIS PREDICTION.**

### **A. Jesus made an ASTONISHING promise and prediction (Matt. 16:21)!**

1. That **HE** would be **KILLED** (not kill him self) and be raise again the **THIRD DAY!**
  - a. This was **NOT** a vague prediction!
2. The integrity of his **WORD** and thereby his **PERSON** was at stake (Jn. 14:6)!

### **B. One of the greatest PROOFS that Jesus is who he says he is and who the scriptures say He is, is that He FULFILLED the promises and predictions of HIS resurrection!**

1. The resurrection was **PROVEN** by "MANY INFALLIBLE PROOFS " (Acts 1:3).

2. What were some PROOFS?
  - a. The proof of his BODY (Jn. 20:19-20).
  - b. The proof of the MARKS of the crucifixion (Jn. 20:24-29).
  - c. The proof of the ability he had over his creation (Jn. 21:3-14).

**C. Jesus proved HE arose!**

**III. JESUS AROSE FROM THE DEAD TO JUSTIFY THE BELIEVER (Rom. 4:23-25).**

**A. On the cross Jesus OBTAINED eternal redemption!**

1. Jesus was OFFERED for our sin and satisfied God demands for us!
2. Jesus did not apply those benefits on the cross!

**B. He arose to APPLY the blessings of eternal redemption!**

1. His resurrection PROVED his work was accomplished.
2. He lives to apply HIS glorious work (Malachi 4:2; Heb. 7:23-28).

**IV. JESUS AROSE FROM THE DEAD TO MAKE INTERSESSION FOR THE BELIEVER (Hebrews 7:25).**

**A. What KEEPS us saved?**

**B. Our High Priest KEEPS US - HE saves to the UTTERMOST!**

1. How? He ever liveth !"Why? To make intercession for us !"

**V. JESUS AROSE FROM THE DEAD AS EVIDENCE THAT HE WILL ONE DAY JUDGE THE WORLD (Acts 17:22-34).**

**A. God has power to judge sin!**

1. He is WILLING to judge sin!
2. God Judged sin in Jesus!
  - a. ALL the sins of all of God s'elect, that is all the sin of all those who come to trust in Jesus!

**B. Jesus is risen! He is coming again to Judge SIN and sinners!**

1. How will you stand?

**CON:**

**A. Do you know the risen Lord?**

1. You must face him one day!