

## **I. Importance of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

- A. Sign of Jonah – Matthew 12:39-40
- B. The message of the apostles rested on that fact
- C. Gospel
  - 1. Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures
  - 2. He was buried
  - 3. He was raised again on the third day according to the scriptures

## **II. Nature of the Resurrection**

- A. Jesus actually died
  - 1. Testimony of the centurion
  - 2. Testimony of those who buried Him
- B. Jesus rose bodily
  - 1. No one observed the event
  - 2. All the apostles saw Him and handled Him

## **III. Is the Account Reliable?**

- A. The variation in the accounts of His appearances points to the reality of the accounts
- B. The faithfulness of the disciples point to the reality
  - 1. All of the apostles except John eventually faced violent death because of their testimony
  - 2. John suffered serious imprisonment conditions

#### **IV. The Fact of the Resurrection is the Proof and Hope for the Entire New Testament Theology**

##### A. Proof that Jesus was who He said He was

1. Romans 1:4 *(Jesus) who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection of the dead*
2. Acts 2:36 *Therefore, let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ – this Jesus whom you crucified*

##### B. Evidence of the acceptance of the sacrifice of Jesus

1. Rom. 4:25 *He who was delivered over because of our transgressions; and was raised because of our justification.*

##### C. Hope of living the Christian life

1. Eph. 1:18-23 *...the greatness of His power towards us who believe...*

##### D. Assurance that there will be a resurrection of the believers

1. 1 Cor. 15

##### E. Assurance that the service of the Lord will bear fruit

1. 1 Cor. 15:58

##### F. Assurance that there will be a judgment of the world

1. Acts 17:30-31 *Because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.*