



“The Third Day He Rose Again from the Dead”

“The creed itself was born as an instrument of evangelism – first, as a summary syllabus for catechetical teaching of the faith to non-Jewish inquirers, and then as a declaration of personal faith for converts to use at the time of their baptism.” (JI Packer, *Affirming the Apostles' Creed*)

14 Reasons Creeds Are Important: (8) Christians must _____ new believers.

“One of the most important functions of the Apostles' Creed, like all faithful creeds, is that it helps the church to teach and prepare new believers for faithfulness and maturity in the faith of the church. New believers in the early church were often asked to affirm the lines of the Apostles' Creed, one by one affirming their belief and confession of the true Christians faith.” (Albert Mohler, *The Apostles' Creed*)

“There has never been a time when the resurrection was so thoroughly questioned and so critically analyzed as it is today – and it's happening within the church.” (RC Sproul, *What We Believe*)

Why does the world have such a hard time believing in a resurrected Jesus?

- Jesus didn't really die; he was only in a _____ state.
- Jesus' body was _____ and the disciples _____ about Jesus being alive.
- The women and the disciples just went to the _____ tomb.
- Jesus is alive but only through his _____.

Evidence of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

- _____ predicted his own resurrection (Mark 8:31, Matthew 17:22-23, John 2:18-22, Matthew 26:61, Mark 14:58, Luke 9:22).
- There were multiple, independent _____ who saw the resurrected Christ (Luke 24, John 20:3-4, Mark 16:9, 1 Corinthians 15:4-8).
- The resurrection of Jesus can be seen through the _____ of the early church (Acts 2:24-36).
- The testimony of the Word of God gives _____ of the truth of the resurrection (Luke 24:24-32).

What if Jesus never rose from the dead?

- Your faith is _____, and you are still in your _____ (1 Corinthians 15:17).
- There is no _____ for you rising from the dead.
- He is not _____ and will not _____.
- Jesus cannot be your _____ (Romans 4:25, Hebrews 7:25).

What is the significance of Jesus rising from the dead?

- It shows that Jesus was truly the _____ (Romans 1:1-4).
- It shows he truly died and demonstrates his _____ over death (Acts 2:24).
- It vindicates his righteousness _____ to us (1 Timothy 3:16).
- It guarantees the _____ of sins for those who believe (Romans 4:22-25).
- It guarantees a _____ for those who believe (Romans 6:4-5).