

## Christian Beliefs Week 12: Teaching Ch 11: What is the Resurrection?

**Intro:** Any steps of faith to share?

What does Resurrection mean?

What are the details of the Resurrection?

- *How can we respectfully use Jesus' resurrection to share with people of other religions the uniqueness of our religion? What might help open their eyes to the truth of Christianity?*

What was Christ's resurrected body like?

Who participated in the resurrection?

What is the doctrinal significance of the resurrection?

- Jesus' resurrection affirms the goodness of the material creation.
- *How can this help us love our bodies better and be thankful that we are fearfully and wonderfully made?*
- Jesus' resurrection ensures our regeneration.

- *Reflect back to me, how does the resurrection affect us spiritually as believers?*
- Jesus' resurrection ensures our right standing before God or what we call our justification.
- We know that God will raise us up in our own resurrection like He did Christ.

What is the ethical significance of the Resurrection?

What is Jesus' ascension?

- When Jesus arrived, He received glory, honor, and authority in a way He had not had before His incarnation and becoming man.
- Christ was seated at God's right hand.
- Christ's ascension has doctrinal significance for our lives.

Discussion:

- How is Jesus' physical body after His resurrection different from His body before death and resurrection? How was it the same?
- What does resurrection power enable Christians to do?
- Why did Jesus "not need to remain dead any longer"? What did His death and resurrection accomplish for us?
- Why is it important that Jesus rose from the dead? What would your life be like if he had not risen?
- What about Jesus' resurrection makes you long for your own resurrection?
- When you were born again, you received new spiritual life within. If you think of this new spiritual life as part of the resurrection power of Christ working within you, how does that give you encouragement in living the Christian life and in ministering to people's needs?
- The Bible says that you are now seated with Christ in the heavenly places. As you meditate on this fact, how will it affect your prayer life and your engaging in spiritual warfare against demonic forces?