

OUTLINE

Christ Our Risen and Only Saviour: Acts 4:5-12

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Acts 4:5-12 ESV

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Introduction

- sometimes you read things and you think, "this just cannot be true?"
- this is one of those articles published by the BBC in April 2017 called "Resurrection did not happen, say quarter of Christians"

Just 17% of the general public believe word-for-word the Bible account of the Resurrection

A quarter of people who describe themselves as Christians in Great Britain do not believe in the resurrection of Jesus, a survey commissioned by the BBC suggests.

However, almost one in 10 people of no religion say they do believe the Easter story, but it has "some content that should not be taken literally".

A fifth of non-religious people believe in life after death, the poll suggests.

The survey suggested:

17% of all people believe the Bible version word-for-word

31% of Christians believe word-for-word the Bible version, rising to 57% among "active" Christians (those who go to a religious service at least once a month)

*Exactly half of all people surveyed do not believe in the resurrection at all
9% of non-religious people believe in the Resurrection, 1% of whom say they believe it literally*

Three in ten Christians surveyed (31%) said they did not believe in life after death.

- you have to wonder why on earth anyone would call themselves a Christian when they do not believe the most essential doctrine of the Christian faith – the resurrection of Jesus Christ

- to call yourself a Christian and then _____ the resurrection very clearly reveals that you are NOT a _____

- when I read articles like this I often go back to 1 Corinthians 15 where Paul the apostle, in the early church, was dealing with people who _____ the resurrection!

- just hear some of the consequences if you deny the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15:14-19

- 1 Corinthians 15:14 - Paul's preaching is in _____ – if Jesus has not been raised everything Paul preached was _____
- 1 Corinthians 15:14 - Their _____ is in vain – if Jesus has not been raised then you have an _____ faith
- 1 Corinthians 15:15 - They are _____ – if Jesus has not been _____ then the apostles and every preacher of this church is a liar
- 1 Corinthians 15:17 - Your _____ is futile – if Jesus has not been raised your faith is _____
- 1 Corinthians 15:17 - You are still in your _____ - if Jesus has not been raised there can be _____ forgiveness of sins
- 1 Corinthians 15:18 - Those who have died have _____ - if Jesus has not been raised those who have died before us are not with the Lord Jesus, they have no _____
- 1 Corinthians 15:19 - We are _____ people - if Jesus has not been raised then Christians are a pathetic and miserable people

- _____ do I bring the importance of the resurrection of Jesus up so much?

- because I want you all to know the _____ of the hope of everlasting life

- if I fail to do this, I _____ at the very basic level as a shepherd of God's people

Background

- we are looking at a great _____ that Peter preached to the powerful and religious leaders of Israel
- they questioned Peter concerning what _____ he had to preach the resurrection of Jesus

- this whole _____ found in Acts 3-4, it came about because Peter and John went, at the hour of prayer, into the temple
- they were greeted by a lame man who wanted _____ (Acts 3:1-3)
- in Acts 3:6-8, this _____ man was healed immediately by the power of Jesus Christ
- in Acts 3:9-10, the people who saw this man healed were _____ at what happened
- Peter responds to the people by _____ a gospel message sermon in Acts 3:11-26
- let us _____ a short clip from that sermon

Acts 3:14-15 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God _____ from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

- the leaders of the Jews did _____ like this sermon or this healing
- hear how Acts describes what caused their outrage at Peter and John

Acts 4:1-2 And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and _____ in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

- these Jewish leaders were annoyed for a couple of _____
- 1) because they did not _____ Jesus was the Messiah
- remember this would have been the _____ group of people who condemned Jesus to death
- 2) because the Sadducees do not believe in the resurrection or life _____ death

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- in Acts 4:3, the Jewish leaders put Peter and John in _____
- here we see Peter and John treated as _____ because of their preaching of the gospel

- in Acts 4:5-12, the Jewish leaders _____ Peter and John and then we have the response of Peter and John with regards to their “_____ behavior”

Brief Outline:

1) (4:5-7) Peter and John Questioned

2) (4:8-9) Peter Responds

3) (4:10-12) Peter Preaches

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(4:5-6) On the _____ day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem,⁶ with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.

- all the big guns, or important people, in Jerusalem are here for this event of the examination of _____ and _____

1) the rulers – they were the spiritual leaders in Israel

2) the _____ – they were wise leaders in Israel

3) the scribes – they were experts in the study of the law of God

4) Annas – he was the high priest in Jerusalem at this time

5) Caiaphas – he was son in law to Annas and played an important role in the punishment of Jesus

6) John – an unknown member of the high council

7) Alexander – a member of the Jewish high-priestly family

8) and _____ who were apart of the high-priestly family

- as you can guess favouritism and corruption was very evident in the high priestly family

- so we can see that this is a family affair and _____ were certainly involved in this event

- we also can guess that _____ might not go well for Peter considering many of the people involved with his examination were involved in the _____ and execution of the Lord Jesus Christ

(4:7) And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what _____ or by what name did you do this?"

- these Jewish leaders want to know 1) by what _____ or 2) by what _____ was Peter able to make a _____ man well

- the obvious answer is that the name and power of _____ made the lame man well

- but there is a question that needs to be asked, since these men were all religious Jewish scholars,

- why on earth did they not _____ Jesus as the Messiah and the healing of the _____ man as a fulfillment of the Messianic age?

- these Jewish leaders and scholars, should have seen this event, of a lame man being healed and able to walk, as a great _____ that the age of the Messiah had come

Isaiah 35:5-6 Then the eyes of the blind shall be _____, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

- but they had already _____ the Lord because they _____ to see Jesus as the true Messiah

- this examination reveals the total depravity of humanity because these Jewish religious leaders have clear evidence of Jesus being the Messiah and they still _____ Him

2) (4:8-9) Peter Responds

(4:8) Then Peter, _____ with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders,

- Peter responds but he is not responding out of _____ or out of bitterness

- Peter is _____ (which is a passive verb) with the Holy Spirit

- God fills Peter with the _____ Spirit and he speaks

- we sometimes _____ the work of God the Holy Spirit and we can even neglect His work

- but the Holy Spirit fills people and _____ them to preach the gospel

- just after Peter and John are _____ from prison the church gathers to pray & seek the Lord

- what happens to the Christians _____ the Lord?

- the Holy _____ outpours upon them and they speak the word of God with boldness

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all _____ with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

- Christian, when you _____ for us as a church, pray that we, as a church, would be filled with the Holy Spirit to live a holy lives and _____ God's greatness to this sinful world

(4:9) if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been _____,

- these Jewish leaders seem to be upset about a man who has been _____

- notice that the Jewish leaders did not even question anything about the _____ of Jesus?

- Peter and John did a good deed and now they are put on trial because a man was made well!

3) (4:10-12) Peter Preaches

- isn't amazing that Peter uses this opportunity to _____ the Lord Jesus Christ

- Peter does not get aggressive with these Jews but instead he preaches the _____ news of Jesus Christ

(4:10) let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God _____ from the dead-- by him this man is _____ before you well.

- Peter wants all Israel to "know"

- _____, or knowledge, is power and in this case, having knowledge leads people to _____ in Jesus Christ

- just like the hymn says "People _____ the Lord"

- how are people going to _____ that they need the Lord?

- how are people going to _____ who the Lord is?

- someone has to _____ the truths of Jesus Christ to them

- we cannot claim to be followers of Jesus and then be _____ about who the Lord is and what He has done for humanity
- let us be committed to _____ in this area
- let us pray that God would _____ us with His Holy Spirit
- let us pray that we would be _____ for the Lord
- when the Lord _____ up a door for us to boldly proclaim His _____ let us not shut the door but _____ the truth in love

- Peter declares that it is Jesus Christ that has made this person _____!
- the word "well" is actually the word in Greek for "_____"
- the word "well" can mean _____ or salvation
- the lame man was _____ and made well by the healing of the Lord
- Jesus _____ and Jesus also _____ which we will get to in Acts 4:12

- do you see how Peter describes Jesus Christ in this verse?
- Peter brings out two important _____ about Jesus Christ

a) Jesus was _____ - "Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified"

- Peter declares that these Jewish leaders crucified the Lord Jesus Christ
- we know that several of the individuals that Peter was talking to were involved in _____ and execution of Jesus Christ

- Jesus had to be crucified in order to _____ prophecy found in the Word of God
- Jesus took upon the sin of the _____ when He went to the Cross
- Jesus was hung upon a _____ (another fulfillment of prophecy) so that He could take the _____ of God in place of the believer in Jesus Christ

- Jesus fulfills the book of Deuteronomy when He goes to the _____
Deuteronomy 21:22-23 "And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a _____, ²³ his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance.

- Christian, praise the Lord for Christ's _____ done on your behalf

- all humans _____ to bear the wrath of God because of our _____, but through Jesus Christ and His accomplished _____ we can be free from the curse of sin

b) Jesus was _____ from the dead - "whom God raised from the dead"

- it would be a good idea for you to read the resurrection narratives of Matthew, _____, Luke and _____

- but I will give you the Cole's Notes version right now

- Jesus did not stay dead in the tomb, God the Father _____ Jesus from the dead!

- in the gospel of Matthew the women go to the tomb and an angel appears to them and says this:

Matthew 28:5-6 But the _____ said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

- in the gospel of Mark the women come to the tomb and see that Jesus is no longer in the tomb

- a _____ with a white robe speaks to the women saying:

Mark 16:6 And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.

- in the gospel of Luke _____ men in dazzling clothes speak to the women reminding them:

Luke 24:5-7 And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and _____ and on the third day rise."

- finally, in the gospel of John there is an _____ tomb

- Mary Magdalene sees the _____ Jesus and announces to the disciples "I have _____ the Lord" in

John 20:18

- how much more _____ do we need for the resurrection of Jesus?

- we have 4 different witness accounts to the resurrection of Jesus

- surely, if this was a court of law this evidence would be sufficient to prove a testimony _____
- God has given us sufficient _____ of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to know what is true
- not only do we have the 4 gospels with witness accounts but also we have a _____ of hundreds of Christians that witnessed the _____ Lord as found in 1 Corinthians 15

1 Corinthians 15:6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still _____, though some have fallen asleep.

- Jesus has _____! Praise the Lord!

(4:11) This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone

- Peter, in his sermon to these Jewish religious leaders, quotes Psalm 118:22 to prove that Jesus is the Messiah
- here we have the proclamation that Jesus is the _____ that the builders have rejected
- this verse is used many times to point the _____ people to Jesus being the Messiah
- but in spite of this Old Testament verse many Jews still reject Jesus as the _____

- Jesus is not just any _____, He is the Corner _____
- this means that Jesus is the rock that is at the foundation of the whole _____
- therefore, Jesus is the _____ of the not just the Old Testament but Jesus is the foundation of the Christian _____

(4:12) And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

- salvation is _____ no one else – we can only be saved in Christ
- there is no other _____ by which people can be saved – we can _____ be saved by the name of Jesus Christ
- here we have two negatives being used by Peter to hammer home, or to make clear, not only the exclusive sufficiency of the _____ of Jesus Christ but the exclusivity of Jesus Christ _____ people

- there can be no salvation found in _____ other religion or person
- you trying to be your _____ you will not save you when God comes to judge the living and the dead
- Jesus Christ is the _____ one who can save and deliver!
- hear even what Jesus says about Himself

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. _____ one comes to the Father _____ through me.

- if you do not know Jesus you do not _____ salvation!

Application

1) Jesus Alone Saves

- the message of Jesus is very controversial to many _____
- just by means of example, recently, there was a guy in California who was going around asking people to sign a petition requesting Amazon to stop selling _____
- and guess what? many people signed it
- in the article from BBC about the professing Christians in England, we see that the true and historic Jesus is not even _____ anymore by many people who attend church

- _____ makes this bold declaration about _____ though

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is _____ God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

- there is only one _____ to God and that is through the mediator Jesus Christ
- today if you do not know Jesus Christ you do not know God
- you are _____ from God
- Jesus is the only saviour and you will never find salvation, hope or joy apart from Jesus Christ
- today if you are _____ God, come to Jesus and experience eternal life and joy in Jesus
- call to mind the work He did on the cross, his death, but also that God _____ Him from the dead to cover all sins
- cry out to Christ in _____

2) Eternal Hope in Christ

- praise the Lord there was an _____ tomb on Sunday because God raised Jesus from the dead

- Jesus did not stay dead, but the Father raised Jesus from the dead

- because of the _____ of Christ, the Christian has the _____ of eternal life!

- hear what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15 and the consequences of _____ the resurrection of Jesus

- hear what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15 again

1 Corinthians 15:17-18 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are _____ in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

- _____ Christ has been raised from the dead

1 Corinthians 15:20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

- because Christ has been raised there are two wonderful _____ for us who trust in Christ!

1) through Christ's death and resurrection we are _____ from the authority and punishment of our _____

- if Jesus was not raised from the dead then our sins would not be forgiven

- but Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead, therefore in Christ God has forgiven all our sin

2) through Christ's death and resurrection we will not _____ but have eternal life!

- if Jesus has not been raised there _____ be eternal punishment for everyone

- but Jesus has been raised from the dead therefore we have this _____ of life everlasting with the Lord

- think about the hope that Paul often talked about in 1 Thessalonians:

1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will _____ be with the Lord.

Think about the wonderful _____ of being with the Lord _____ -- away from sickness, sin, sadness, this earth, and having instead the blessing of knowing the fullness of the Lord – that’s the hope that Jesus brings because he has been _____ from the dead.
Thanks be to God



Next Sunday
April 24 @ 10:30
Colossians 3:18-21