

**The Absolute Reality
and Importance of
the Bodily
Resurrection of Christ**

*Scripture
Reading:*

Acts 10:34-43

INTRODUCTION

- Neither the NT epistles nor the book of Acts describe or record holy days (such as Christmas and Easter). Ceremonial tradition has developed over time in the early church and incorporated ritualism which is foreign to the NT epistles. The tradition of Lent prescribes 40 days of preparation for Easter by means of:
 - 1) prayer
 - 2) penance
 - 3) repentance of sin (shown by a cross of ash smeared on the forehead)
 - 4) self-denial preceded by a time of self-indulgence (Fat Tuesday)
 - 5) almsgiving

- This 40-day event is a mixture of:
 - Attempting to make one worthy of the cross-work of Christ by self effort
 - Attempting to create NT religious festivals similar to OT Jewish religious festivals

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The NT grace believer focuses on the resurrection at EVERY Sunday gathering. Every day is as important as any other day with respect to prayer, loving the brethren, living out Eternal Life, and living victoriously over our 3 spiritual enemies!



The death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is absolutely important each every day of the year!

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The Absolute Reality of the Bodily Resurrection of Christ Foretold

- Bodily resurrection understood in the OT era
 - Dan 12:2; Jn 11:24-25 (Martha)
 - Jesus' bodily resurrection, His last sign miracle - Matt 12:40
 - Lk 9:44-45, 18:31-34

The Absolute Reality of the Bodily Resurrection of Christ Accomplished

- Showed openly to a select group of people
 - Acts 10:39-41
 - I Cor 15:4-8
- Showed to foolish (unthinking) ones who were slow to believe
 - Lk 24:13-32

The Absolute Importance of the Bodily Resurrection of Christ

Absolutely important to the saving gospel

- I Cor 15:3-4
- Rom 4:23-25

Absolutely important to unbelievers

- The reality of resurrection and judgment
 - Jn 5:28-29; I Cor 15:22-24a; Acts 17:30-31; Jn 16:8-11

Absolutely important to believers!

- Christ's resurrection affects our future bodily resurrection
 - I Cor 15:20-23
- Christ's resurrection affects our lives TODAY!
 - Rom 6:3-4, 11-13

- Without the bodily resurrection of Christ, there would be:
 - No bodily resurrection of the saved or lost
 - No eternal, righteous judgment of the lost
 - No sure hope of Heaven
 - No sure provision of victory over the Christian's 3 enemies

1 Cor 15:20 "...but now Christ IS risen from the dead!"

CONCLUSION