THE GOSPEL EXPLAINED

Scripture Reading: Acts 8:26-38

INTRODUCTION

 The Ethiopian treasurer of Queen Candace, a proselyte worshipper of Jehovah, was reading Isaiah 53 • Philip: "Do you understand what you read?" •The Eunuch: "How can I, except someone guide me?" •Philip "...began at the same Scripture and preach unto him Jesus"

INTRODUCTION

 In Acts 16,Paul and Silas in responding to the jailer's plea, "What must I do to be saved?" answered, "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, and your house(hold)."

•Acts 16:32 says, "...and the spoke unto him the Word of the Lord and to all that were in his house"

INTRODUCTION

•Whenever anyone hears the 'good news' for initial salvation (how to enter God's family), they need to know the essential details of that 'good news' •God gave His Son, I Cor 15:3-4: • To die for our sins, and • Rise bodily from the dead •What is the meaning of 'GOOD NEWS'?

Jesus called God His very own Father - Jn 5:17-18

Jesus exercised His authority to forgive - Mk 2:5-11

Jesus' claim of sitting on the right hand of power and coming upon the (glory) clouds of Heaven = Matt 16:64-65

Testimony of Mosab Hassan Yousef (author "Son of Hamas")

The testimony of Ira Bidwell ("He IS God!")

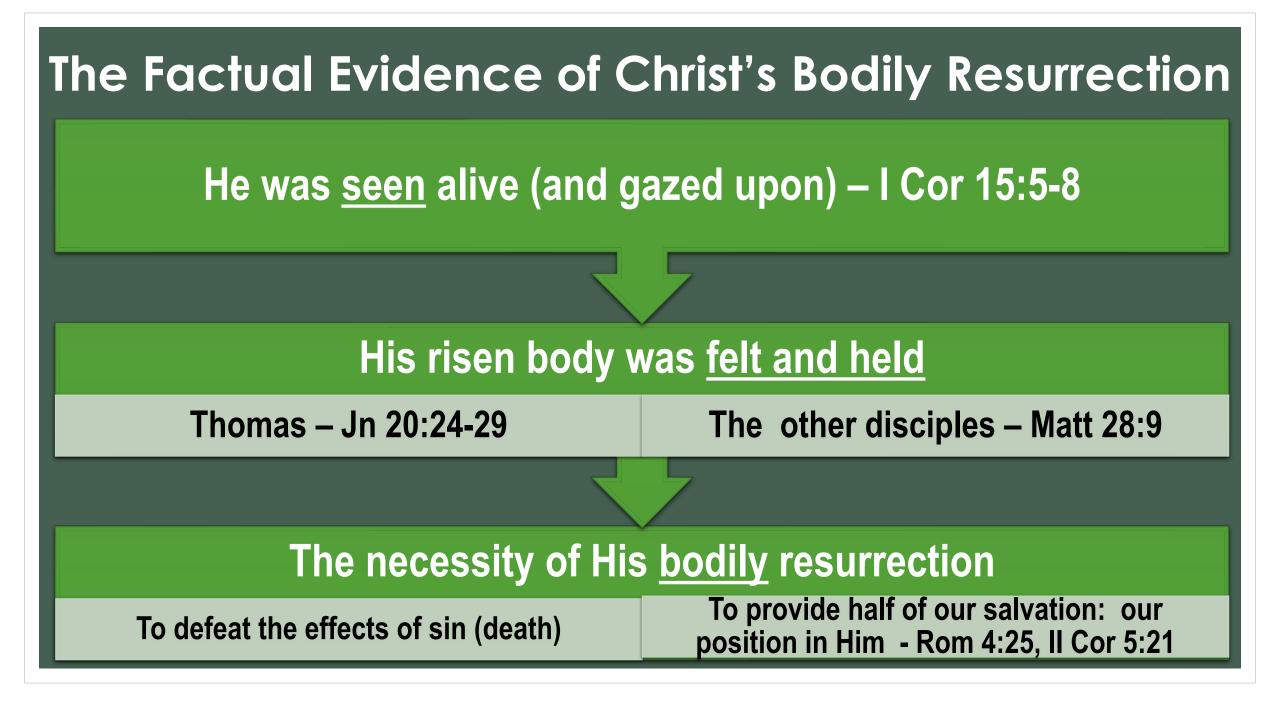
THAT JESUS IS GOD!

The Reason Christ Died

Christ died as my substitute, for my sins – I Cor 15:3, cf - Matt 28:18

 The Jews knew that God was going to provide a substitute who would pay for their sins – Isa 53:5-12 (substitution mentioned 9x)

Christ died willingly for our sins - Jn 10:17-18



The Only Application of this GOOD NEWS

<u>Must</u> be received by FAITH in these facts

<u>Must be</u> received by one's own self

CONCLUSION

 You can know that the gospel for salvation is <u>real to you</u> by a new LOVE (agape) that you never had before, which includes FONDNESS (phileo):

- Experiencing a <u>fondness</u> for Jesus Christ as your personal Savior
- •Experiencing a <u>fondness</u> for others who have this new fondness for Jesus Christ
- Experiencing a fondness for God's Word