

Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus

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Although there is widespread agreement among Christians and non-Christians that Jesus died by crucifixion, atheists and followers of other religions reject the belief that he was raised from the dead and, after that, ascended into heaven. Notwithstanding this, historians concede that something happened: some of his followers had experiences that convinced them of the resurrection. Write definitions for "resurrection", and "ascension".

Resurrection

Ascension

2. **How** do the resurrection and ascension of Jesus work?

The first thing to note is that Christians believe that Jesus genuinely returned from the grave. In 1 Corinthians 15:3-6, Paul the Apostle writes, "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and... he was buried and... he was raised on the third day". Make a note about how different passages from the Bible explain the resurrection.

How the Resurrection of Jesus Works

Acts of the Apostles, which is traditionally attributed to the author of Luke's Gospel and can loosely be described as a gospel of the disciples, tells readers that Jesus ascended physically into heaven and simultaneously reinforces the belief that Jesus will return. Make a note about how different passages from the Bible explain the ascension.

How the Ascension of Jesus Works

3. **Why** are the resurrection and ascension of Jesus important?

The resurrection and ascension are both of tremendous theological significance. In other words, they inform the Christian view about what God is like. For Christians, the resurrection confirms that Jesus is God the Son: he is the second person of the Trinity, responsible for saving humanity from the consequences of sin. Likewise, it is proof that Jesus's death on the cross restored the relationship between God and humanity. Make a note of why the resurrection and ascension of Jesus are important.

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