

**Easter (Part 1.)**  
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**I. INTRODUCTION**

A. Today, much of the religious world is celebrating "EASTER."

Resurrection of Christ	No Bible Authority	1 Sam. 15:1-26
But it is a good thing, just like Christmas	Not Good	
Emotional Arguments		

A. Christians can observe these holidays "without religious attachment." (Rom. 14:1-19 / Col. 3:17)

B. We have Bible authority for Lord's supper! (Christ's death 1 Cor 11:23-29)

**II. THIS DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T TALK ABOUT CHRIST'S RESURRECTION TODAY!** (Sometimes go to "opposite extreme.")

A. Many wrong things are being taught about Jesus' resurrection today.

B. Let's see what the Bible actually says about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

**III. PROOF OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST!**

A. Have you ever given serious thought to the evidence supporting the "resurrection of Jesus?" (Acts 1:1-3 > "Creation" Ps. 19 / Rom. 1)

1. The fact that Christianity is still here nearly 2000 years after Jesus died is "strong evidence" that Christ was "raised from the dead." (Acts 5:27-42, especially vs. 39-40)
2. The change in the disciples that took place is "powerful proof" that Jesus has risen. (Mat 26:31-35, 51-56, 69-75 / Mk 16:9-11 / Jn. 20:19-20 / esp. Peter ? Acts 2:32 / Acts 3:13-15 / Acts 4:10 & 33 / Acts 5:27-32)
3. Paul's conversion furnishes us evidence the Jesus has been raised from the dead." (Acts 7:54-60 / Acts 8:1-3 / Acts 9:1-2 / Acts 9:17-22 & 26-28 / Acts 13:26-30)
4. The actions of the "guards at the tomb" prove Christ's resurrection. (Mat. 27:62-66 / Mt. 28:1-4 & vs 11-15)
5. The "empty tomb and the linen cloth inside" is evidence of the resurrection of Jesus. (Jn. 20:1-9)
6. The "numerous eyewitnesses" that actually saw Jesus after His resurrection is indisputable proof that He was actually raised from the dead.
  - a. Testimony of angels (Mt. 28:1-6)
  - b. "500 brethren at one time" - (Read 1Cor 15:1-8)
    - i. "Doubting Thomas" Jn. 20:24-29
    - ii. Peter Acts 10:38-42 (Lk. 24 / Jn. 21)

- c. The actions of the Jewish leaders regarding Christ's resurrection (Acts 4:5-20 & 33 / esp. vs. 13)

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

- A. "JESUS IS RISEN!" (NO DOUBT!!) There is overwhelming evidence. (What this means for us? Part 2)
- B. If you still don't believe, then just be patient. (2 Cor. 5:10)