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Intro:

The event of the *resurrection* eclipses even that of *creation*.

The crux of *Apostolic* preaching was the *resurrection* of the Lord. Acts 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, throughout Acts to Ch. 28.

Theme of *epistles* also revolved around the *resurrection*;
Romans 6:4; 1 Cor. 15:4; 2 Cor. 4:14; Gal. 1:1; Eph. 1:20;
Phil. 3:10; Col. 2:12; 1 Thess. 1:10; 1 Peter 1:3; Rev. 1.

Christ’s *perfect* sacrifice for sin is *dependant* upon the fact of the *resurrection*.

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I. If There Were No Resurrection

1 Cor. 15:12-19

1. If Jesus wasn’t *raised* then we are still in our *sins*,
2. All *saints*, old and new, are *destined* for Hell,
3. If Christ were not *raised* then the *Gospel* is false, and all who *teach* it are *liars*.

We would have nothing to *justify* our faith,

We would have *nothing* to justify our hope in this *life* or the next.

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II. The Truth of the Resurrection

1 Cor. 15:20-38

Jesus Christ is the *first fruits* of those who are *asleep*,
1 Cor. 15:20.

We are *justified* through the Resurrection of Christ,
Rom. 4:24-25.

We have *life* because Christ also *lives*, Jn. 14:19,

Our *sins* are forgiven because Christ’s *sacrifice* was
accepted by God, evidenced by the *resurrection*,
Acts 5:30-31.

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III. Subtle Truths

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One who is *resuscitated* is brought back to life, but eventually *dies* again.

Only *Jesus* has been resurrected at this time.
He foretold His death and *resurrection*, **Matt. 16:21,**
17:22-23, 20:18-19

Jesus and Paul claimed the *OT* pointed to His *resurrection*,
1 Cor. 15:3-4, Matt. 12:40.

It was always God’s *plan* to use the *church* in proclaiming
the *gospel* to mankind, **Matt. 28:18-20, Eph. 3:10.**