# **SALVATION** - What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?

#### **Keywords**

**New Testament** – the second half of the bible, divided into books and **gospels**, based after Jesus' birth.

Scriptures - a collection of religious texts

**Gospels** – the books in the bible that cover Christ's life and teaching

Incarnation - God 'in the flesh'

**Resurrection** – the rising again to life from death.





**Ascension** – The physical departure of Christ from Earth and rising to heaven.

**Salvation** – the deliverance from harm, suffering or danger.

**Transfiguration** – a complete change of form or appearance into a more beautiful or spiritual state.

**Prophecy** – a message or prediction communicated to a person by God.

**Apostle** – a primary disciple of Jesus

**Preaching** - the teaching of religious ideas to a group of people (usually in a church).

## **Key questions**

Some things are really hard to get your head round, like the resurrection, for instance. Just because we don't understand HOW it happened, doesn't mean it DIDN'T happen? Does it?

If you believed that there was life after death, would you live your life differently? What would you do?

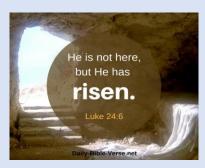
In the old testament it says that Jesus would come back to life again. If Jesus hadn't been resurrected, would you be able to believe and trust what Jesus and the rest of the bible had to say?

Was Jesus just a good man, or who he himself said he is? The Son of God? What do you think? Can you justify your answer?

#### Key texts.

From the **gospel of Luke**, chapter 24, verses 1 to 49 in the **New Testament** of the Bible.

THE RESURRECTION: LUKE 24:1-49



## Key knowledge:

Christians read the 'big story' of the Bible as pointing out the need for God to save people. This **salvation** includes the ongoing restoration of humans' relationship with God.

The Gospels give accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Belief in Jesus' resurrection confirms to Christians that Jesus is the **incarnate** Son of God, but also that death is not the end.



This belief gives Christians hope for life with God, starting now and continuing in a new life (heaven).

For almost all Christians the resurrection is the crucial part of their faith. As the **apostle** Paul said, 'if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised, our **preaching** is useless and so is our faith' (1 Corinthians 15:13–14).

