



Life versus Death

It is one or the other each with its cost.

Jesus says turn from your living death with these words

But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

Luke 13:5

Jesus also said count the cost and make the decision

...those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Luke 14:33

He has done everything at immense cost so that you could have eternal life.

What is your response?

Are you certain?



(The easiest place to find historical records written close to the time of these events can be found in the Bible in the first 5 books of the New Testament. Also look at 1 Corinthians Chapter 15.

Read them for yourself .

Still got questions? Then contact us to receive a free Luke's Gospel, a New Testament with Knowing and Doing, or a Bible.)

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Easter

Dead Certain

The death of Jesus matters to 2 billion people today.

Why?

Everyone dies.

Why would Jesus be any different?

Why should it matter to me?

"I don't really want to talk about it"

is the usual response. But why not? It is an event everyone comes to.

We talk about it using all sorts of coded words like

"6 foot under and that's it"

or "popped his clogs",

using humour as a disguise to hide the uncertainty, finality and pain of death.

Are you willing to think about it?

There is an amazing bright positive aspect.



Easter Greetings

Search and find life

Dead Certain

Death brings sorrow for those left behind. The company of one we loved has ended. It leaves us sad.



But what if death is a doorway and not an end!

When God made the first human he

...breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2:7

In other words a person exists forever.

Officiants at funerals often say 'in sure and certain hope'. Jesus provides that certain hope because although he really did die, he also came back to life, therefore what he says about life and death can be believed.

Read some of the evidence and find that you could be certain of the benefit of everlasting life for yourself.



Medically dead

What evidence is there that he really did die, because if he didn't really die then he didn't really rise from the dead?



Luke was a doctor of the period, a Christian and also recorded events for the Romans. He must have been good at this or they wouldn't have used him!

Jesus suffered really awful abusive injuries from which many in the same situation died even before they were nailed to a wooden crucifix.

Below is Luke's witness statement about those that saw and knew.

Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away.

Luke 23:46–48

A soldier then thrust his spear into Jesus side demonstrating that he was dead.

Medically he was dead.

Evidently alive

His death gives validity to his resurrection, so what is the evidence?

Paul who earlier went around killing Christians or putting them in jail became convinced and wrote...

...that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,

1 Corinthians 15:4-7



The evidence is that he is alive.

Sorry, but it won't be long...

the nurse says and shortly after the patient passes away. We all die physically, and it is because we are not in relationship with God who gives life. The destructive power that is in the world killing and causing death is also coming from each of us. God calls it sin.

For the wages of sin is death,

Romans 6:23

So what is the connection between Jesus rising from the dead and me getting eternal life?

The reason he died

After Jesus had risen he told his followers,

"This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached, ... You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised;"

Luke 24:46–49

Paul wrote after thousands of people got everlasting life in the space of a few months,

By this gospel (good news) you are saved, ... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

1Corinthians 15:2,3



The reason he rose...

was that not only could sins be forgiven, and the destructive power overcome, but that

the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Roman 6:23

You could have the same life that Jesus, who is God, has. It is perfect and everlasting in a perfect and everlasting environment.