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¹³ From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem.¹⁴ From Perga they went on to Pisidian Antioch. Acts 13:13,14



²⁶ Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. ²⁷ The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. ²⁸ Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. [Acts 13:26-28](#)

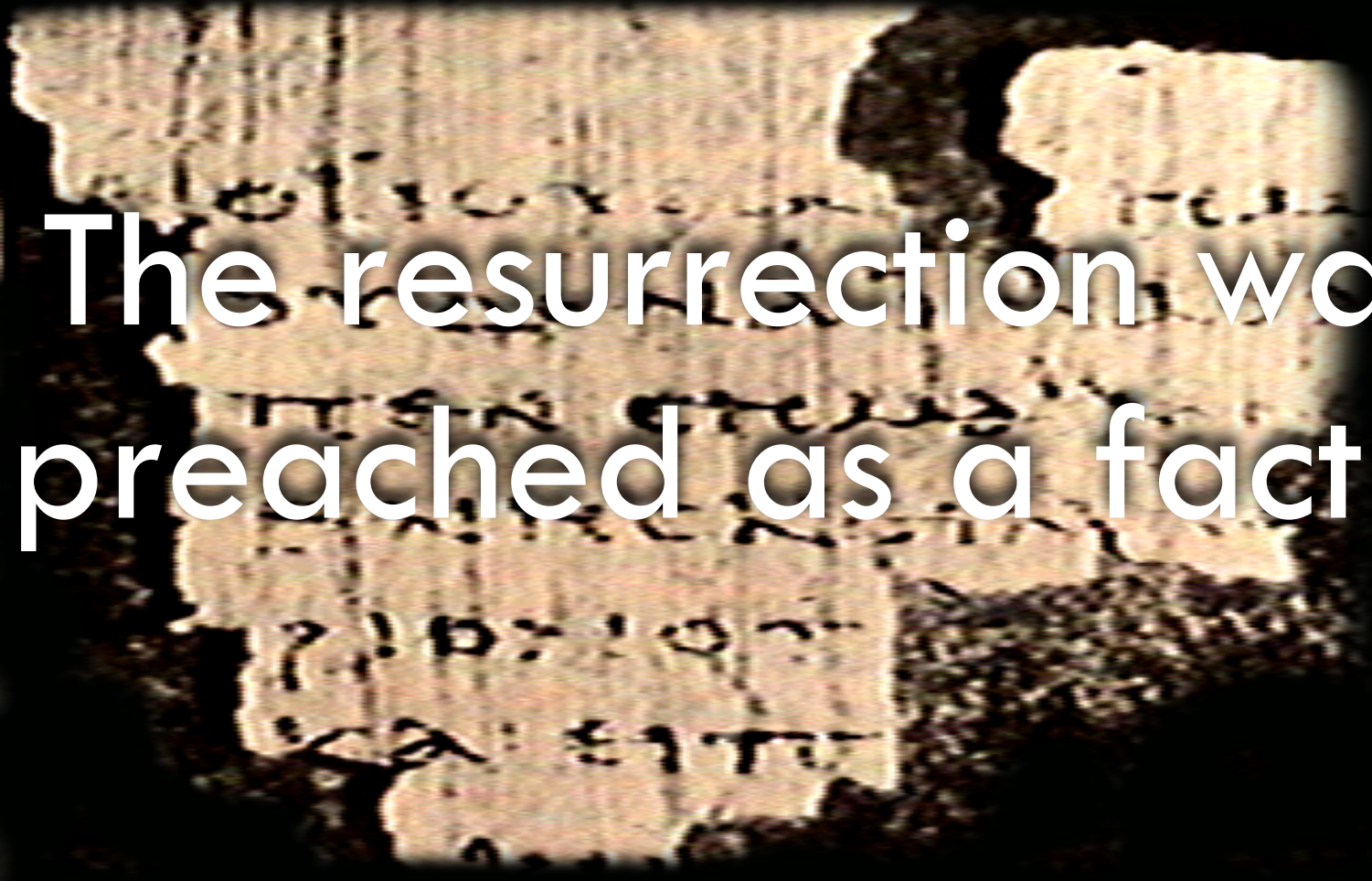
²⁹When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰₃₀But God raised him from the dead, ³¹and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people. [Acts 13:29-31](#)

³⁸ Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹ Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses. [Acts 13:38-39](#)



³² "We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors ³³he has fulfilled for us ... by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: 'You are my son; today I have become your father.' ³⁴God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay."

Acts 13:32-34

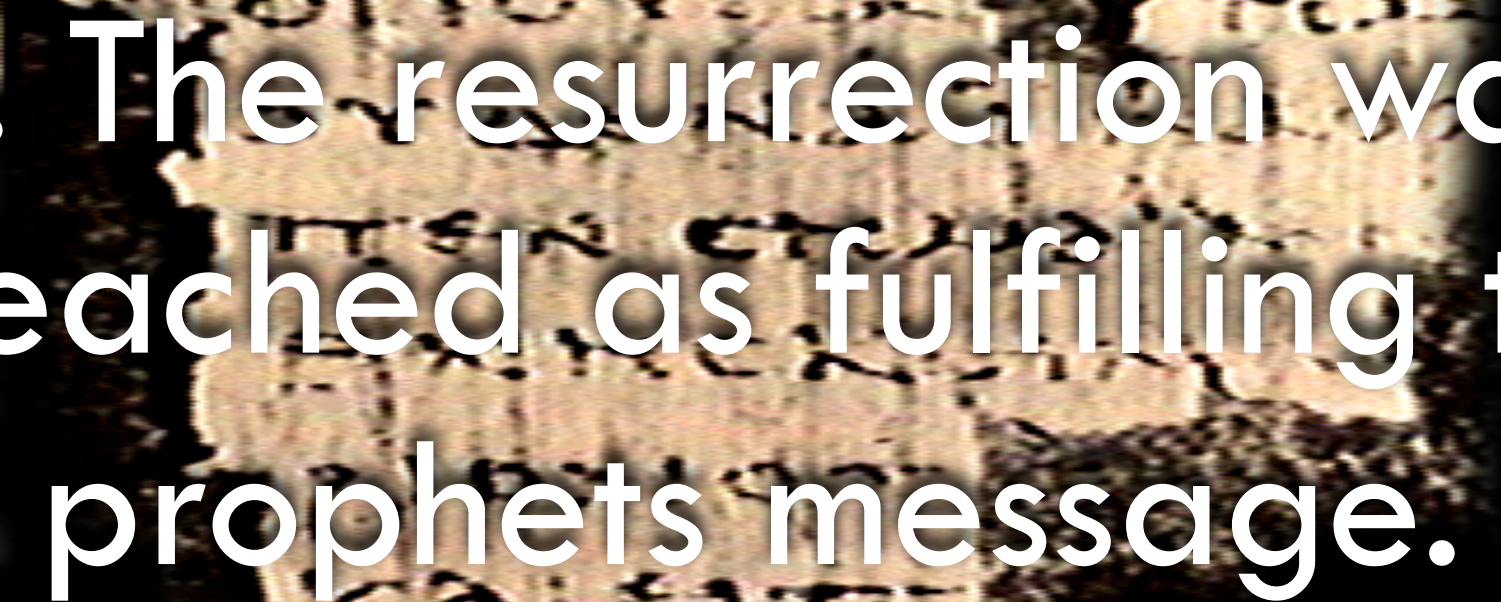


I. The resurrection was
preached as a fact

30 "God raised him from the dead," ...

31 "he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses ..." Acts 13:30-31





II. The resurrection was
preached as fulfilling the
prophets message.

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Acts 13:32,33



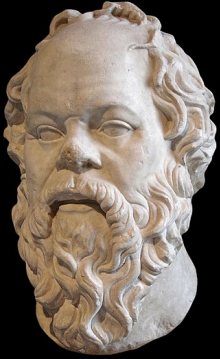
Daniel Berrigan–
Jesuit priest/author
“Advent Credo”

“It’s not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss—This is true: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”

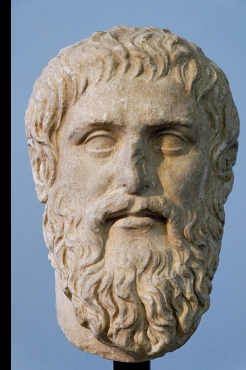


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“It’s not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world—This is true: “To Me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.”



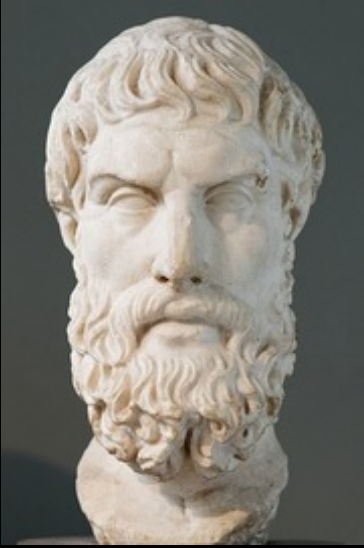
Socrates
470 BC-399BC



Plato
424BC-377BC

Aristotle
384BC-322BC





Epicurus 340BC-271BC

Founder of Epicureanism

Taught what many people believe today:

"When you die, that's the end."



What The Resurrection Means:

1

You have a future!

What The Resurrection Means:

2

The Resurrection
is Personal

What The Resurrection Means:

3 Promises us this
future is
CERTAIN!

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Martin Luther

"If you're suffering, if you're going through dark times, if you're facing death, and you're not absolutely sure God is for you, absolutely sure God accepts you, absolutely sure all of your sins have been paid for and you're going to be with him, then the knowledge of a bright future, if you're not certain it's for you, is of no consolation."

"Everyone who calls on the name of
the Lord will be saved.

Romans 10:13



What The Resurrection Means:

4

Beyond the
Imagination
Good!

"³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Look! God's dwelling place is now among the
people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his
people, and God himself will be with them and be
their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their
eyes. There will be no more death'^[b] or mourning or
crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed
away."

Revelation 21:3,4



"³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22:3-5





Tim Keller
Pastor/Author

"This is why the ancient world
looked at this and said,
"I want to believe that."

I look at the world today and ask,
*"Why don't you want to
believe that?"*

⁴²As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. Acts 13:42

44 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.

45 When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him. Acts 13:44

⁴⁶Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. [Acts 13:46](#)

⁴⁸When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. ⁴⁹ The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. [Acts 13:48-49](#)



The “Wagon Wheel” graffiti found throughout the Roman world. Scholars believe it to be the earliest Christian symbols combining the cross with the first letters of the Greek phrase.



“IXOYE”
Pronounced
“Ichthus”

Iesous -Jesus X(C)hristos-Christ O(T)heou-God
Yious-Son E(S)oter-Saves

Jesus Christ, God's Son, Saves

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