

**WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES EASTER
(THE RESURRECTION) MAKE?**
Reference: **Matthew 27:57–28:7**
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Easter (i.e. the resurrection) means two things:

ONE... the resurrection means Jesus _____ who He said He _____... and remember Jesus claimed to be God!

There are only four possible options as to the identification of Jesus Christ:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- the _____ God of the Universe

Jesus Christ has three basic credentials to establish that He is who He claimed to be:

Credential one was his impact on _____
The abbreviation AD represents the Latin words *Anno Domini*, which mean “in the year of our _____.”

Credential two was his fulfillment of messianic _____

Messianic prophecies were prophecies (i.e. predictions) made in the Old Testament about the promised Jewish Messiah (Jesus) that would be born at the beginning of the New Testament.

There are altogether some 60 different major messianic prophecies that include some 333 Old Testament verses, and Jesus Christ fulfilled each one of those prophecies.

Credential three was his _____ from the _____

Reference: **Matthew 27:57** through **28:7**

TWO... the resurrection means that Jesus _____ what He said He _____... and He can still _____ what He said He could _____

- Through the resurrected Jesus our sins can be _____
Forgiveness is possible because of a biblical doctrine called “substitution”

Definition: an innocent substitute is _____ (punished or penalized) instead of the sinner so that God can then consider the sinner as innocent as the substitute

Reference: **II Corinthians 5:21**, “*For He (God) made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin, to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness (goodness) of God in Him.*”

- Through the resurrected Jesus our problems can be _____

Reference: **Ephesians 1:19 and 20**

verse nineteen, “*and what is the exceeding greatness of His (God) power toward us who believe (Christians) according to the working of His (God) mighty power.*”

verse twenty, “*which He (God) worked (demonstrated) in Christ when He (God) raised Him (Jesus) from the dead...*”

- Through the resurrected Jesus our future can be _____

Reference: **John 11:25**, “*Jesus said... ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me though he may die, he shall live...’*”