

## WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THE RESURRECTION MAKE?

Reference: **Matthew 27:57–28:7**

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Easter equals the resurrection and means two things:

**ONE...** The resurrection means Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ who He said He \_\_\_\_\_ and remember Jesus claimed to be \_\_\_\_\_!

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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**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** (see screen)

- Through the resurrected Jesus our problems can be \_\_\_\_\_.  
Reference: **Ephesians 1:19, 20** (see screen)

- Through the resurrected Jesus our future can be \_\_\_\_\_.  
Reference: **John 11:25** (see screen)