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## The good news message of Salvation Pt 2 Christ was buried & rose again.

In our previous study on this topic we identified the first part of the gospel message for today – how Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures. In this second part we establish that Christ was buried, and rose again according to the scriptures.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

The second part of the gospel message is:-

### 1. Christ was buried.

“And that he was buried” (1Cor 15: 4).

“And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb...and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed” (Matt.27: 60). Hence the Lord’s body was put in a grave and a stone rolled across the entrance “lest his disciples...steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead” (Matt.27: 64).

### 2. Christ rose again according to the scriptures.

“...and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (1Cor.15: 4).

God the Father raised the Lord Jesus from the dead (Gal.1: 1) according to the scriptures. The scriptures attest to the significance of His resurrection where they say – “Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification” (Rom 4:25), and His resurrection provides victory over death (1Cor.15: 21 – 26).

### 3. The risen Lord was seen of Cephas then of the twelve, then about 500.

“And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep” (1Cor.15: 5, 6).

To give credibility to his resurrection the risen Lord appeared unto his disciples and about 500.

Additional comments on our three points.

“And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins” (1Cor.15: 17). And If Christ be not raised then He is still in the grave, and the five hundred and twelve people that saw him, plus the apostle Paul, are liars. And “we are of all men most miserable” (1Cor.15: 19).

Applying the teaching to our life today.

Professor Lloyd Geering was an ordained Presbyterian minister who denied the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Professor Geering was labelled a liberal theologian, and charged with heresy in 1967, but nevertheless was not removed from the Presbyterian church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Question to think about.

Can a man call himself a Christian, and deny the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ?

My answer to our question from the scriptures.

No, they cannot be a Christian, because the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is central to the gospel that the risen Lord gave to the apostle Paul, that has the power to save a man today (Rom. 1: 16). Therefore, for a man to be **in** the body of Christ, he **must** first believe that Christ died for **his** sins, and therefore all of his sins are on Christ on the cross (Pt. 1 of this topic), Christ was buried, and that He was raised from the dead. A person that believes Christ was **not** raised from the dead can **not** believe the scriptures, is **not** justified, and therefore cannot be in Christ regardless of whether he is a Presbyterian minister, a Satanist, or a witch. “But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept” (1Cor.15: 20). Amen!