***But where does the Old Testament declare His resurrection on the third day?***

* Jesus pointed to the experience of Jonah (Matt. 12:38-41).
* Paul also compared Christ’s resurrection to the “firstfruits,” and the firstfruits were presented to God on the day following the Sabbath after Passover (Lev. 23:9-14; 1 Cor. 15:23).
* Since the Sabbath must always be the seventh day, the day after Sabbath must be the first day of the week, or Sunday, the day of our Lord’s resurrection.
* This covers three days on the Jewish calendar.
* Apart from the Feast of Firstfruits, there were other prophecies of Messiah’s resurrection in the Old Testament: Psalm 16:8-11 (see Acts 2:25-28); Psalm 22:22ff. (see Heb. 2:12); Isaiah 53:10-12; and Psalm 2:7 (see Acts 13:32-33).

*(Weirsbe Commentaries)*

* Christ was seen by a vast number of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 5-11)
* Why be a Christian if we have only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in this life and no future to anticipate? (1 Corinthians 15:29-34)
* The resurrection is not just important; it is “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,” because all that we believe hinges on it.
* Christ is the first in the great harvest if those who have died. (15:20-28)

***Paul used three images to answer this question.***

* Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 20, 23)
* At the resurrection, the body will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and glorified.
* To believers, death is only sleep. The body sleeps, but the soul is at home with the Lord. (2 Cor. 5:1-8; Phil. 1:21-23)
* Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_Adam. (vs. 21-22)
* Adam was made from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but Jesus the Last Adam came from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 15:45-47)
* The first Adam \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_God and brought sin and death into the world, but the Last Adam was obedient and brought righteousness and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life.
* Jesus is coming back to enact His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 24-28)

***When will Jesus returns for His church?***

* + Nobody knows when this will be; but when it occurs, it will be “in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in the twinkling of an eye.” (1 Cor. 15:52).
  + We must be ready. (1 John 2:28–3:3)
* ***The fact of the resurrection…*** (15:29-34, 49-58)
* is a reason to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 29)
* makes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ worth it. (vs. 30-32)
* Paul faced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dangers as a servant of Christ. (2 Cor. 4:8–5:10; 11:23-28).
* On more than one occasion had been close to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* compels us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves from sin. (vs. 33-34)
* gives the believer victory over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 49-57)
* The Resurrection gives us actual new bodies that will live for all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (15:35-48)
* Being philosophers, the Greeks reasoned that the resurrection of the human body was an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + When the body turned to dust, it became soil from which other bodies derived nourishment.

**So What Now?**

* Paul didn’t write these statements to satisfy the curiosity of believers.
  + He had some practical points to get across, and he made them very clear.
  + If we really believe in the resurrection of the body, then we will use our bodies today to the glory of God. (1 Cor. 6:9-14).
* Paul spends so much time on the resurrection to…
* correct false teachings,
* encourage holiness,
* and to help those of us who are saved to realize the great need to seek to rescue them from judgment!
  + They will suffer forever in darkness and pain so we ought to save them from such a fate. (Matt. 25:41; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; Rev. 20:11-15).

**The Resurrection**

**(1 Corinthians 15)**

***Paul answers four questions about the resurrection of Christ to help the Corinthians see the implications of the resurrection.***

* Are the dead raised?
* When are the dead raised?
* Why are the dead raised?
* How are the dead raised?
* Many if not most Corinthians did not believe in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the dead. (15:1-19)
* The believers in the church did believe in the resurrection of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* He offered three \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to assure them that Jesus did indeed rise from the dead.
* their own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 1-2)
* Paul preached the gospel message to them and their faith had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their lives.
* An essential part of the gospel message was the fact of Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* the Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 3-4)
  + “Christ died for our sins” is the theological explanation of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fact.
  + Many people were crucified by the Romans, but only one ever died for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the world.
  + When Paul wrote “just as the Scriptures said” he was referring to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Testament Scriptures.
  + Much of the sacrificial system in the Old Testament pointed to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ as our substitute and Savior.