The Theology of Christ's Resurrection - Part I

• Last week we looked at the FACT of Christ's Resurrection
• Today we begin to look at what the Bible tells us about the Resurrection

The Resurrection in the Prophecy

I.   That the dead should live again is throughout the Old Testament
   A. Job 14:13-15, 19:25-27; Psalm 16:9-10, 17:15, 49:15; Isaiah 26:9; Daniel 12:2; Hosea 13:14
II. O.T. Prophesies concerning Christ's Resurrection
   A. Psalm 16:9-10 is quoted by Peter in Acts 2:24-31 and by Paul in Acts 13:34-37
   B. Psalm 118:22-24 is used by Peter in Acts 4:10-11
III. Christ predicted His own Resurrection seven times.
   A. John 2:19-22
   B. Matthew 16:21, Luke 9:22
   C. Matthew 17:23, Mark 9:30-32
   D. John 10:17-18
   E. Matthew 20:17-20, Mark 10:32-34, Luke 18:31-33
   F. Matthew 26:28-29
   G. Matthew 26:31-32, Mark 14:27-28

The Importance of Christ's Resurrection

I.   Faith in the Resurrection is ESSENTIAL to Salvation (Romans 10:9-10)
II. It is THE foundational truth of Christianity
   A. "It is the Fundamental Doctrine of Christianity" - theologian Henry Thiessen
   B. If the Resurrection were not true... (I Corinthians 15:12-19)
      1. Preaching is vain - vs. 14
      2. Your faith is vain - vs. 14,17
      3. Apostles are liars - vs. 15
      4. Sins are not forgiven - vs. 17
      5. No hope for our own resurrection - vs. 18
      6. We have no joy - vs. 19
III. It is important in our Christian life
   A. Christ is made "head over all things to the church" - Ephesians 1:19-23
   B. Christ can give us the Holy Spirit - Acts 2:32-33, John 16:7, Ephesians 4:8-13
   C. In the continuing work of salvation (security and sanctification) - Romans 5:8-10
IV. It is the ultimate "litmus test" for miracles in the Bible
   A. Theologian A.H. Strong said that in proving miracles in the Bible start with the Resurrection and not things such as Jonah's whale or Balaam's donkey.
   B. If you can believe that Christ rose from the dead then you should not have a problem with anything else in the Bible.