

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

A NEW BEGINNING

# Quotes on the Resurrection

**“The Resurrection of Jesus is to Christian Theology what the sun is to the natural world: it is extremely difficult to look directly *at* it, yet we see everything else in its light. The resurrection is the mystery *par excellence*.”** (Daniel Yeago)

## Quotes on the Resurrection

**“To preach Christianity meant primarily to preach the Resurrection” (C.S. Lewis).**

**“The Resurrection is the central theme in every Christian sermon reported in the Acts” (*Ibid*).**

# Quotes on the Resurrection

**The ancient Hebrews raised the question, “If a man dies will he live again?” The answer is found in the Resurrection.**

# JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION

**25** Jesus said to her, “I am **the resurrection** and **the life**. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. **26** And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

**John 11:25-26 (NKJV)**

# **1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-28**

**JESUS IS THE FIRSTFRUITS  
OF THE HARVEST.**

# 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (NKJV)

**20 But now Christ is risen from the dead and has become the **firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep.**

**21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.**

# 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (NKJV)

**23 But each one in his own order: Christ the **firstfruits**, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. 24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.**



# **1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (NKJV)**

**<sup>25</sup> For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For “He has put all things under His feet.” But when He says “all things are put under Him,” it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted.**

# **1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (NKJV)**

**28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.**

# THE FEAST OF FIRSTFRUITS

## Leviticus 23:9-14

**<sup>9</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>10</sup> “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the **firstfruits** of your harvest to the priest.**

# THE FEAST OF FIRSTFRUITS

Leviticus 23:9-14

**<sup>11</sup> He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted on your behalf; on **the day after the Sabbath** the priest shall wave it. <sup>12</sup> And you shall offer on that day, when you wave the sheaf, a male lamb of the first year, without blemish, as a burnt offering to the LORD.**

# **THE FEAST OF FIRSTFRUITS**

**Leviticus 23:9-14**

**13 Its grain offering shall be two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire to the LORD, for a sweet aroma; and its drink offering shall be of wine, one-fourth of a hin.**

# **THE FEAST OF FIRSTFRUITS**

## **Leviticus 23:9-14**

**14 You shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor fresh grain until the same day that you have brought an offering to your God; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.**

**CHRIST IS THE FIRSTFRUITS.**

**JUST AS THE FIRST SHEAF WAS A  
TOKEN OF MANY MORE THAT WOULD  
FOLLOW, IN THE SAME WAY, CHRIST'S  
RESURRECTION IS A PLEDGE OF A  
MULTITUDE OF OTHERS WHO WILL  
LIKEWISE BE REURRECTED.**

# **SUNDAY**

**THE OFFERING OF THE FIRSTFRUITS  
TOOK PLACE **THE DAY AFTER THE  
SABBATH**, THAT IS, SUNDAY. THIS  
OF COURSE IS THE DAY CHRIST WAS  
RESURRECTED.**

**See Lev. 23:11**



# JESUS IS THE “FIRST”

“He is the ‘first fruits’, the ‘pioneer of life’. He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because He has done so. **This is the beginning of the New Creation: a new chapter in cosmic history has opened**” (Lewis).

# LIFE TRUTH

**THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST  
FROM THE DEAD GUARANTEES THE  
RESURRECTION OF EVERYONE WHO  
BELIEVES IN HIM.**