

Resurrection:

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2. The Conviction of the Apostles

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Gospel:

- If all the previous points are solid as they appear to be – then it is completely reasonable to take the Bible's teachings with the utmost seriousness.
- Jesus said: "***I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God...because that is why I was sent.***" (Luke 4.43)

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Title: Apologetics Lesson 5: Resurrection & Gospel

- The most basic definition of a kingdom is a place where a king reigns.
- Jesus is revealed in the New Testament to be that King.
- What is the Gospel?
 - The Messiah was unjustly killed as payment for our sins.
 - The Messiah was resurrected in victory over death
 - The Resurrected Messiah ascended to the Father's right hand.
 - The Resurrected/Ascendant Messiah will return.
 - We can spend eternity with Him in His kingdom if we accept His freely offered gift of grace.