

THE CROSS AND THE RESURRECTION

Matt 27:52+53 NKJV

...and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

I. THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST AND THE OPEN GRAVES ARE A TESTIMONY OF THE _____ OF BELIEVERS.

Matt 28:2-3, 1 Cor 15:12-19, Lev 23:9-12

II. THE RESURRECTION OF THESE SAINTS, OCCURRING AFTER JESUS HIMSELF WAS RAISED, IS A TOKEN OF THE COMING HARVEST WHEN _____.

1 Cor 15:20-24 NKJV

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.

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.

III. THE APPEARANCE OF JESUS AND THE SAINTS WAS PROOF THAT _____.

Acts 1:3 1 Cor 15:1-8, John 5:25-30, Heb 11:16

IV. THE CROSS AND THE RESURRECTION ARE THE DISTINCT PROOF OF GOD'S SACRIFICIAL LOVE _____.

John 3:16-17, Acts 1:1-11