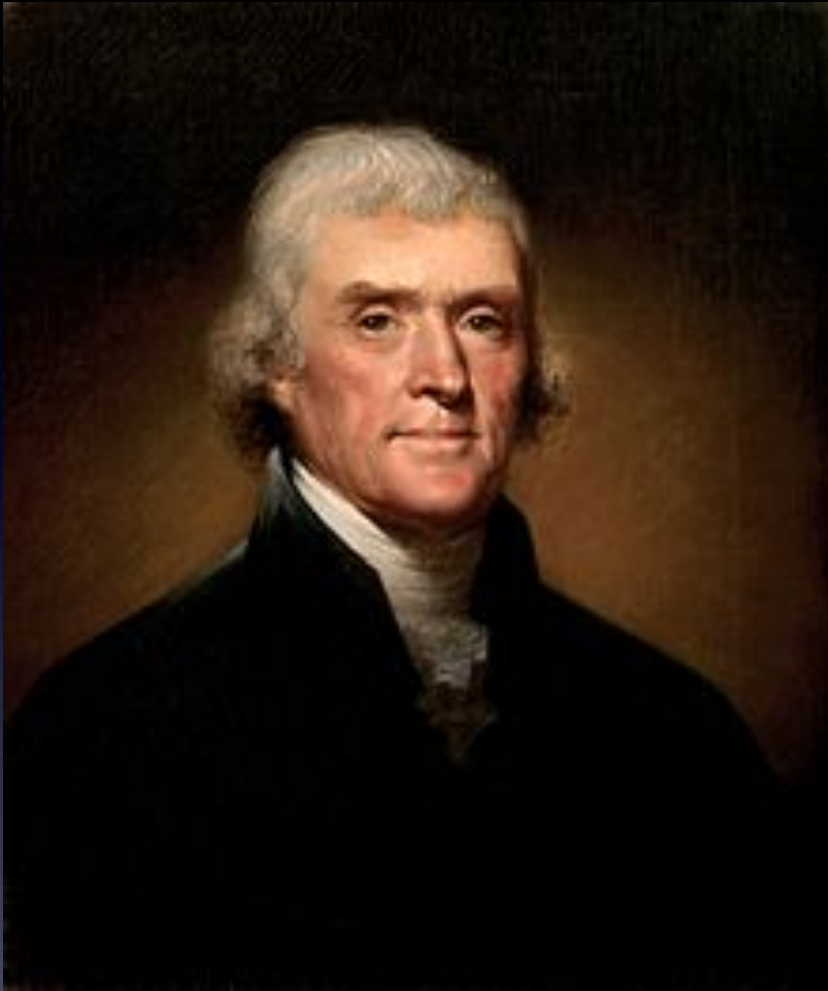


John 20:11-31



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The Philosophy of Jesus



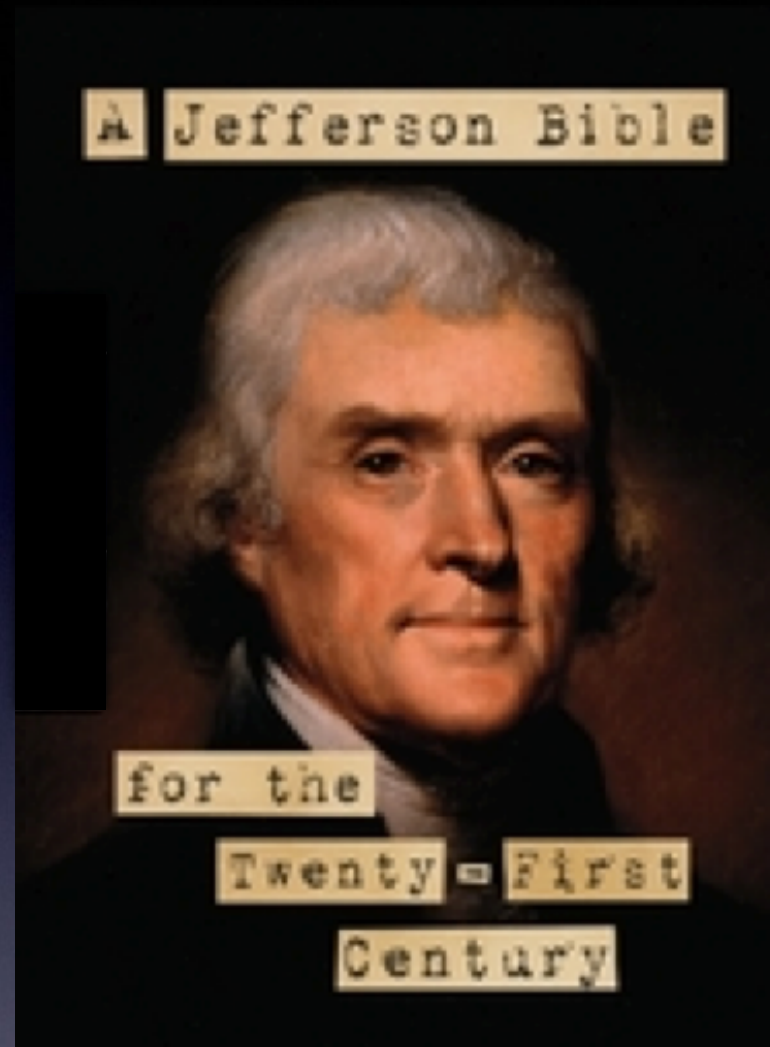
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Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulcher, wherein was never man yet laid.

There laid they Jesus, and rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulcher, and departed.



Is the death of Jesus Christ on
the cross the end of the story;
is it the whole Gospel?

Romans 1:1-4

Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus,
called as an apostle, set apart for the
gospel of God, which He promised
beforehand through His prophets in the
holy Scriptures, concerning His Son,
who was born of a descendant of David
according to the flesh, who was
**declared the Son of God with power by
the resurrection from the
dead,Jesus Christ our Lord**

Romans 10:9-10

that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and **believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved**; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

Romans 4:25

He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and **was raised because of our justification.**

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Now I make known to you, brethren,
the **gospel** which I preached to you,
which also you received, in which
also you stand, **by which also you are
saved**, if you hold fast the word which
I preached to you, unless you
believed in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that **He was raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared toPeter and the disciples plus to more than 500 at one time.

The Gospel

1. Christ died for our sins

(according to the Scriptures)

PROOF: He was buried

2. He was raised on the third day

(according to the Scriptures)

PROOF: He appeared to many

1 Corinthians 15:13-14, 17

But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.....and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

1 Corinthians 15:20-22

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also **in Christ all will be made alive.**

Jesus Manifests Himself

1. Jesus gives vivid evidence that He is alive - John 20:11-25
2. Jesus strengthens their faith - John 20:26-31
3. Jesus calls them back into service - John 21

Background

1. The tomb was without the stone
2. The tomb was without the body of Jesus
3. The tomb contained the grave clothes of Jesus
4. No one was expecting Jesus to be raised from the dead
5. Mary was looking for the body of Jesus
6. The disciples were returning to their homes
7. Jesus had not yet appeared to anyone

Christ Appears to Mary M.

1. Mary Magdalene returned to the tomb and saw two angels, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying.
2. The angels asked, “Woman, why are you weeping?”
3. Jesus asked, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?”
4. Jesus said to her, “Mary!” and she responded, “Teacher!”

Christ Appears to Mary M.

5. Jesus initiated a family and divine relationship with His disciples
6. Mary Magdalene announced these things and said, "I have seen the Lord"

Christ Appears to 10 Disciples

1. That Sunday night, the disciples were behind closed doors for fear of the Jews
2. Jesus came and stood in their midst and showed them the physical evidence of His bodily resurrection
3. TWICE Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you."

Christ Appears to 10 Disciples

4. Jesus commissioned them for service - “as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

5. Jesus empowered them with the Spirit of God and Divine Authority

6. Thomas, who was absent, emphatically would not believe the witness of the disciples regarding having seen the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ Appears to Thomas

1. Eight days later, the disciples again were behind closed doors
2. Jesus came and stood in their midst and showed THOMAS the physical evidence of His bodily resurrection
3. For the THIRD time Jesus said to them, “Peace be with you.”
4. Thomas believed and exclaimed, “My Lord and my God!”

Christ Appears to All Believers

John 20:30-31

Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Christ Appears to All Believers

John 20:30-31

1. A Blessing - To Thomas and to us -
“Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.”

Christ Appears to All Believers

John 20:30-31

2. A Warning - To the disciples and to us -
Mark 16:14 - Afterward He appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at the table; and He reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen.

John 20:31

You may “be believing”

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Implications for us

1. The resurrection is central to the Gospel message and crucial for our salvation

2. Jesus calls us to believe the message of those who have seen Him after He had risen from the dead