

Christ is risen. — Truly he is risen.

So, the Christians have greeted one another during Pascha or Easter. On May 5, the Orthodox joined the Roman Catholics and Protestants in celebrating the resurrection of *Jesus*—not the one generally anticipated by Jews at the end of time for *all human beings*. The unique event remains at the heart of the gospel proclamation and has profound as well as problematic consequences for Christian thought and life, in short, Christian worldview. which has been shaped in large part by the Gospel according to John.

Please review John thus far, at least through **chapter 11**. Of course you are welcome to see how the narrative concludes. Below is a reminder of where we have been in walking through the world John has unfolded in his Gospel. Please continue to get used to its style of narrative and presentation of Jesus as the incarnate *logos* (Greek λόγος), which is translated usually as *Word*—see my previous email re this complex, profound word.

As you proceed, remember some significant Johannine matters, terms, and concepts we have encountered thus far, beside the unique beginning:

dualism:

light, & darkness

spirit-heaven & flesh-earth (world)

the world

the Jews

judgment-decision-decision

Father (the sending one) and Son (the sent one)

testimony-testify-(bear) witness

glory-glorify

Jesus' omniscience

“predestination”

As always, I look forward to seeing you in class and sharing in fellowship as we study God's Word (see what I did there?). Please bring all your observations and questions. Have a wonder-filled, and wonder-ful evening.

PPS:

tweaked Bible basics (for the next time someone says, “*The Bible* says . . . .”):

### **Bibles & canons**

#### **Jewish Bible (Tanakh)**

39 books in 3 sections: Torah (teaching), Neviim (prophets), Kethuvim (writings)

#### **Protestant Bible**

66 books (39 Hebrew Bible / Old Testament + 27 New Testament)

same 39 books in the Old Testament as in the Tanakh but in different order

#### **Protestant Apocrypha** (not canonical, but considered edifying)

Tobit, Judith, 1 & 2 Maccabees, Ecclesiasticus, Wisdom of Solomon, and Baruch

The books of Esther and Daniel include additional chapters which were excluded in Protestant Bibles.

The Latin appendix also includes 3 Esdras and the Prayer of Manasseh.

**Roman Catholic Bible** (46 HB/OT + 27 NT)

73 books, including all the books in the Protestant canon + all the books in the Protestant Apocrypha as parts of the OT  
+ 2 in appendix to Vulgate (Latin translation of the Bible)

**Greek Orthodox Bible** (52 HB/OT + 27 NT)

79 books, including all the books in the Roman Catholic Bible and appendix, plus Psalm 151 and 3 Maccabees  
also includes 4 Maccabees in an appendix

Ethiopian Orthodox Bible includes 86 books, including all the books in the Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox Bibles, plus Jubilees, Enoch, Synodicon, Diddascalia Apostolorum, Testament of the Lord, Qalementus, and 4 Baruch.