

# JESUS' RESURRECTION AND OURS

**SCRIPTURE** - 1 John 3:1-3 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

## INTRODUCTION

- A. There is some confusion about how we will be raised and what our bodies will be like.
- B. There is also some confusion about where Jesus was while His body was in the grave.
- C. We will look at some differences in Jesus' resurrection and ours.

## I. JESUS' RESURRECTION BODY

- A. HIS RESURRECTION - HIS SPIRIT JOINED WITH HIS BODY - John 20:1-20 Now on the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw *that* the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." <sup>3</sup> Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. <sup>4</sup> So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying *there*; yet he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying *there*, <sup>7</sup> and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went away again to their own homes. <sup>11</sup> But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down *and looked* into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. <sup>13</sup> Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." <sup>14</sup> Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing *there*, and did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "**Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father;** but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and *to* My God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and *that* He had spoken these things to her. <sup>19</sup> Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, **Jesus came and stood in the midst**, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." <sup>20</sup> When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.
- B. HE WAS ON EARTH 40 DAYS BEFORE ASCENDING TO HEAVEN - Acts 1:1-3 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, <sup>3</sup> to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.
- C. IT WAS A PHYSICAL BODY - Luke 24:36-43 Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." <sup>37</sup> But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." <sup>40</sup> When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. <sup>41</sup> But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" <sup>42</sup> So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. <sup>43</sup> And He took *it* and ate in their presence.

## II. JESUS WENT TO THE HADEAN WORLD NOT HELL

- A. PREACHED TO THE SPIRITS IN PRISON BY GOD'S SPIRIT? - 1 Peter 3:18-20 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,<sup>19</sup> by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison,<sup>20</sup> who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while *the* ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.
- B. GOD SPOKE TO PEOPLE THROUGH HIS PROPHETS - Nehemiah 9:30 Yet for many years You had patience with them, And testified against them by Your Spirit in Your prophets. Yet they would not listen; Therefore You gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.
- C. JESUS WENT TO PARADISE AT HIS DEATH - Luke 23:39-43 Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."<sup>40</sup> But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?"<sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."<sup>42</sup> Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."<sup>43</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."
- D. AFTER HIS RESURRECTION HE HAD NOT GONE TO HEAVEN - John 20:17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.' "
1. Christ said he was going to paradise.
  2. Christ did NOT go to his Father.
  3. The Father is in Heaven - (Matt 6:9)
  4. Therefore Paradise and Heaven could NOT be one and the same place.
  5. Christ did not go to Heaven when he died.
- E. CHRIST DID NOT STAY IN HADES (THE UNSEEN PLACE OF THE DEAD) - Acts 2:29-31 "Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.<sup>30</sup> Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,<sup>31</sup> he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.;
1. Jesus' Soul went to Paradise at death
  2. Jesus' Soul went to Hades at death
  3. Therefore Paradise **IS** Hades!
  4. Christ went to the realm where disembodied souls await Resurrection.
  5. Christ's Soul was not left in Hades he was Resurrected.
  6. Christ's fleshly body never decayed.
    - a. David's body is still in the grave - Acts 2:29-31 "Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.<sup>30</sup> Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,<sup>31</sup> he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.
    - b. Christ's body is not in the grave - Acts 13:35-37 Therefore He also says in another Psalm: '*You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.*'<sup>36</sup> "For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption;<sup>37</sup> but He whom God raised up saw no corruption.

### III. OUR RESURRECTION BODY

- A. LONGING FOR OUR HEAVENLY BODY - 2 Corinthians 5:1-11 For we know that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup> For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, <sup>3</sup> if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For we who are in *this* tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. <sup>6</sup> So *we are* always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. <sup>7</sup> For we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. <sup>11</sup> Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.
- B. WE SHALL BE LIKE GOD - 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
- C. CONFORMED TO HIS GLORIOUS BODY - Philippians 3:20-21 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.
- D. LIKE THE ANGELS - Mark 12:18-27 Then *some* Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him; and they asked Him, saying: <sup>19</sup> "Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies, and leaves *his* wife behind, and leaves no children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>20</sup> Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife; and dying, he left no offspring. <sup>21</sup> And the second took her, and he died; nor did he leave any offspring. And the third likewise. <sup>22</sup> So the seven had her and left no offspring. Last of all the woman died also. <sup>23</sup> Therefore, in the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be? For all seven had her as wife." <sup>24</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God? <sup>25</sup> For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. <sup>26</sup> But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the *burning bush passage*, how God spoke to him, saying, '*I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob*'? <sup>27</sup> He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. You are therefore greatly mistaken."
- E. DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. <sup>15</sup> For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore comfort one another with these words.

### CONCLUSION

- A. We may not be able to answer all the questions about Jesus' resurrection body and ours.
- B. But we can know that we can be with Him in heaven, a spiritual place, with spiritual bodies, for eternity.
- C. Are you sure of your heavenly home?
- D. 2 Peter 1:2-11 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, <sup>3</sup> as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, <sup>4</sup> by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. <sup>5</sup> But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, <sup>6</sup> to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, <sup>7</sup> to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. <sup>8</sup> For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; <sup>11</sup> for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.