

2nd Teaching on Resurrection of the Dead 17.01.19

Evidence of the Resurrection

Jesus Talked About It

Prophecies

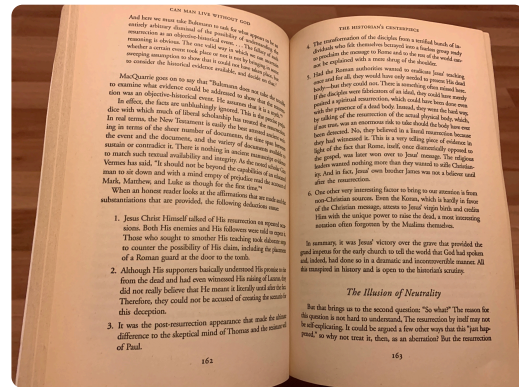
Supports Observed, but did not Believe

Post Resurrection Appearance

Transformation of Disciples

Roman / Jewish lack of Response

Other Religious Books



q: Why teach this?

- a/. To produce a response to the gospel message.
 - ▶ Acts 4 vs 1-2: Acts 3 vs 15: Acts 2 vs 22-24: Acts 5 vs 29-32: Acts 23 vs 6-8:
 - The sadducees were a religious group that denied the resurrection message. There were many in Jesus' day, and there are many today who do not understand or believe that this major event WILL take place. Telling them about it should be a part of our witness as we are obedient to the great commission.
- b/. To produce hope for our future.
 - ▶ John 11 vs 21-27: 1 Cor 15 vs 12-25: John 14 vs 2-4: 1 Peter 1 vs 3: Rev 21 vs 3-4:
 - As Christians we can rest in the assurance that one day we will be with Jesus for eternity. The work we do here is not in vain.
- c/. To produce hope for our present. this is not it / more
 - ▶ 1 Cor 15 vs 51-58: 1 Thes 4 vs 13-18:
 - Those who have lost loved ones need not become devastated at their loss, but may take comfort in the knowledge that their loved ones are together with The Lord in heaven. No more sorrow, no more tears. Only Joy unspeakable and life in it's fullness. Surely He has born our griefs and carried away our sorrows.
- d/. To produce faithful commitment.... loving Saviour, King, Lord
 - ▶ 1 Cor 15 vs 58: Phil 3 vs 10-21:
 - The apostle Paul did not take it for granted that he was worthy of the resurrection to eternal life though he knew he belonged to Christ. He purposely chose not to consider himself as "having arrived" and fall into the trap of complacency, but made it his life's work to serve Jesus with all his heart, and encourages us all to do likewise.
- e/. To produce accountability.....stand before God, give account
 - ▶ 2 Cor 5 vs 4-10:
 - With the knowledge of the resurrection also comes the knowledge of Gods judgement. We will all have to face our Lord and be judged for the things we have

done on earth, weather good or bad.

◦ **f/. To produce a harvest.**

▸ 1 Cor 15 vs 20:

▸ 1 Thess 4 vs 13-18:

- Jesus is the first fruits of the harvest of all believers. God desires to live with His people for eternity and has chosen for Himself a family.

◦ **g/. To produce endurance.**

▸ 2 Tim 2 vs 3-8:

- If we are honest with each other, it's gets hard now and again. We are to remember who and what we are working for, not just for our selves, but others also.

◦ **h/. To produce motivation.**

▸ Luke 14 vs 12-15:

- On the day of resurrection, we will be rewarded for the good deeds we have done in the body.

Every Person Resurrected

- It is very important that we realize that every person – man, woman, boy or girl, who has ever lived, will be resurrected, some to eternal peace and glory, others to eternal shame and condemnation.
 - Acts 24:15 "I have hope in God in that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust."
 - John 5:28 "Do not marvel at this, for the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear His voice and come forth – those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation."
 - Daniel 12:2 "And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt".
 - Luke 14:4 "You shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just".

Death to Life...Gods Plan

1/. Biblical references from the old testament.

- Though the old testament makes very little reference to the resurrection of the dead, what it does say shows clearly that our God is a God who brings life out of death.
- **a/. Psalm 16 vs 9-11:** This psalm is the prophetic writings of King David in which he describes the resurrection of Jesus. The apostle Peter makes reference to this passage on the day of Pentecost as he preaches the gospel to the bewildered onlookers. **Acts 2 vs 22-32:** Paul also refers to this passage in **Acts 13 vs 32-37:**
- **b/. Daniel 12 vs 2: vs 13:** Here Daniel is receiving a vision from the angel Gabriel concerning the last days when the antichrist will be revealed and destroyed. During this vision Gabriel

refers to the resurrection of the dead. Some to everlasting life, others to eternal punishment, and in verse 13 Daniel is told he will rise from the dead to receive his reward from God. This passage reveals to us that there will be two distinct resurrections. One for the righteous, and one for the wicked.

- **c/. Isaiah 26 vs 19:** Chapter 26 is the prophecy of a song that will be sung in the days of Israel's deliverance from evil. In it Isaiah mentions the resurrection of His people along with his own resurrection. Isaiah speaks of DEW bringing life to those who are asleep in the dust. Dew, just like rain, is often associated with the work of the Holy Spirit. Just as natural dew waters the ground and gives life to the buried seeds, so the DEW of The Holy Spirit will give life to the dead. Rom 8 vs 11:
- **d/. 1 Kings 17 vs 17-24:** After performing a miracle for the widow at Zarephath during a famine, her son is taken ill and dies. Elijah calls upon the Lord to raise the boy back to life so as to prove His goodness to the widow. The result is that the widow recognises that the Word of The Lord that Elijah gives is the Truth.
- **e/. 2 Kings 4 vs 32-36:** The shunammite's son is raised from the dead by Elisha.
- **f/. 2 Kings 13 vs 21:** During a raid by the Moabites, a group of panicking Israelites throw a man's body that they were supposed to be burying, into the tomb of Elisha. When the body touches Elisha's bones, the man immediately comes back to life.
- **g/. 2 Samuel 12 vs 20-23:** King David had the revelation that he would see his son again one day.

2/. Examples From the life and teachings of Jesus.

Jesus not only taught about the resurrection, but also demonstrated His power to perform it.

Through His works.

- **a/. John 11 vs 21-25: The raising of Lazarus from the dead.** Martha expresses her faith in the coming resurrection, "at the last day". But here
- *****Jesus declares that He is not just able to raise the dead, but that HE IS the resurrection.**
 - He is the eternal, ever living, ever present source of life for all creation.
 - Who ever believes and receives Him, already possesses eternal life within themselves and can not die. Death and the grave can not hold them.
 - I believe Jesus makes this statement not just for Martha, but in His infinite wisdom and knowledge, for all who would read this gospel in the centuries to come. This passage gives hope to all who would believe and all who have lost loved ones in The Lord. To give added assurance of this fact, Jesus gives us a demonstration of His power and proceeds to take authority over death and the grave and raises Lazarus there and then, not waiting for the end of the age. The Jews also believed that the spirit of the dead would hang around the body for three days before leaving for Hades.
 - *****It seems that Jesus purposely delayed His journey to raise Lazarus for four days, to emphasise His Lordship over death and Hades (Rev 20 vs 14:) in the eyes of the onlookers.**
- **b/. Mark 5 vs 35-42: Jairus' daughter.** Jesus raises Jairus' daughter from the dead.
- **c/. Luke 7 vs 11-17: The Widow of Nain's son.** Jesus interrupts a funeral procession and turns

it into a celebration party. He turns mourning into dancing. Psalm 30 vs 11:

Through His Teaching.

- **a/. Luke 16 vs 19-31:** Jesus teaches about two individuals that both died and then found themselves awake in a place that was divided by a great chasm. The rich man was in a place of torment. This place was known as Hades (not hell) where the unrighteous dead since the days of Noah, were to await their final judgment. Lazarus however, was in Abraham's bosom in a place, known in the Talmud, (The Hebrew civil and religious laws) as paradise. The time of this event is believed to be before Christ's death and resurrection as Abraham mentions both Moses and the prophets as witnesses to the world of God's coming judgment. They were both in a disembodied state as the resurrection had not taken place yet.
 - **This point is to show that there is a conscious existence after death.**
 - Plus, when Jesus died, He went first to the place of paradise to the spirits of the righteous dead (Jesus said to the dying thief, "today you will be with me in paradise". (**Luke 23 vs 43:**)
 - and then descended into the lower parts of the earth, namely Tartarus, and proclaimed (not preached) the gospel to the spirits of the unrighteous dead (**1 Peter 3 vs 18-20:**), before returning to His own body and rising from the dead. After Christ's atonement for sin and His resurrection, the way was made open for all the righteous dead to enter into heaven.
- **b/. John 5 vs 28-29:** Jesus' teaching on the resurrection at the final day when all who are in their graves will hear His voice and come out. The righteous will live and the wicked will be punished.

Through the time of His own resurrection.

- **a/. John 10 vs 18:** Jesus has the power within Himself to lay down His own life and then to take it up again. Only God in all His glory has such power to be able to allow Himself to be murdered and then with the utmost ease, raise Himself back up.
- **b/. John Chapter 20:** The account of Jesus rising from the dead.
- **c/. Matt 27 vs 51-53:** "Many Holy people" indicates that not all the righteous dead were raised to life (**Acts 2 vs 29:**). These people were not raised into their old mortal bodies like those of Jairus' daughter, that Jesus raised from the dead, but they had already been transformed into their immortal spiritual bodies prepared for heaven as they seemed to have the same ability to appear at will to the people in Jerusalem. Plus, their old bodies would almost certainly have experienced a lot of decomposition and would not bring glory to God in such a bad state. Though scripture does not say what happened to them afterwards, many scholars assume that they ascended in clouds with Christ, into heaven. It will not serve any purpose to debate this subject.

3/. Characteristics of The resurrection body. 1Cor 15 vs 39-44:

- **a/. It will never see decay. vs 42.** The body we have today is dying everyday due to the effects of sin. One day it will stop working. Our resurrected body however, will never experience decay of any kind.
- **b/. It will be a glorious body. vs 43. Luke 9 vs 28-29:** We live in a body of dishonour. Effected by sin. The resurrected body will be free from sins demands. completely drenched in the glory of God. His very life permeating out of every cell and fibre of our being. Oh what a day!
- **c/. It will be a powerful body. vs 43.** We can all associate with the physical weakness of our present bodies. Our resurrected bodies will be the same as Jesus' body. Able to do miraculous things like moving through solid objects. Unlimited by the physical aspects of this world. Prepared for the wondrous sites of the next world.
- **d/. It will be a spiritual body. vs 44. vs 48-50:** Our bodies will be sown natural bodies, but raised spiritual bodies. Perfect in every way. No more struggling against the desires of the flesh. **Rom 7 vs 21-25:**
- **e/. It will be a recognisable body. John 20 vs 26-29: Luke 16 vs 22-24: Luke 21 vs 16-19:** Though scripture is not clear on this subject, these verses plus a few others show us that there is reason to believe that we will have bodies of a very very similar looking appearance, whole, without spot or blemish. Jesus had the same resurrected body that he died in. Plus the rich man was able to recognise both Abraham and Lazarus even in their disembodied states. Jesus also promised that, even if we were killed by those that hate us, not one hair on our heads would perish. This is not talking about physical decay after death, but Gods appointed design for the body.

2 Corinthians 4:6..So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.