

## CONTINUITY OF SCRIPTURE

Week 6 – Crucifixion...Burial...Resurrection – The Significance of Jesus' Bodily Resurrection  
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Where do we find “Resurrection” in the Bible? In our beginning lessons on the resurrection, we discovered that the resurrection is well established in the Old Testament! Bodily resurrection appears in the Old Testament to affirm God's POWER OVER DEATH...looking forward to the ultimate reversal of death individually and the renewal of ALL creation (Isa. 11 [& cross reference] which will lead to the RESTORATION of the world following the burning up of the heavens and the earth!!!

II Pet. 3:10-13 - *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, <sup>12</sup> looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? <sup>13</sup> Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*

Do we realize that through resurrection, we will see the fulfillment of God's promises? Resurrection guarantees what will occur in God's plan – eschatologically – in the latter days/end times!! What glorious HOPE we, the redeemed, have!

We will see God's final vindication of those who are the righteous/the redeemed and the judgment of the wicked.

God is the God of the LIVING!! *In the beginning GOD....* (Gen. 1:1). *I AM that I AM* (Ex. 3:14). We have GLORIOUS HOPE!!!!

In Jesus' day, there were the Pharisees who believed in resurrection. And, there were the Sadducees who said there is no resurrection.

Matt. 22:22-27 - ....<sup>24</sup> *Jesus answered and said to them (to the Sadducees), “Are you not therefore DECEIVED? (In other words – YOU ARE DECEIVED...) because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God?.... <sup>26</sup> But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, (in which the Sadducees believed) in the burning bush passage, how God spoke to him (Moses), 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 (you are greatly DECEIVED)!”*

*I AM* in Ex. 3:6 – YAHWEH/YHWH (Jehovah).

When Jesus declared “I AM” about Himself, He was broadcasting, “I am eternal, I am sufficient unto Myself! I am God!!!”

It's helpful for us to know that the verb form of YAHWEH expresses a continuous state of being rather than a specific time. The divine name of the God of Israel refers to our ETERNAL God - to the one Who is past, present, and future. The ETERNAL God speaks of His faithfulness/steadfastness undergirding all His promises! He was and is and always will be the **God of the living!** Resurrection is the raising of that which was dead to LIFE!

Jesus drew from the Hebrew Scriptures – from the OT expectations – AND JESUS did NOT reinterpret the OT Scriptures or change them in any way. We need to Jesus' Bible was the Tanakh/the Hebrew Scriptures!!!!

Jesus quoted the book of Daniel. In Matt. 24:15, Jesus specifically cited the "abomination of desolation" mentioned in [Daniel 9:27](#). And, Jesus also alluded to [Daniel 7:13](#) when speaking about the Son of Man coming in the clouds ([Mk. 13:26](#) - *they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory*)

The Prophet Daniel removed all doubt when he described a great resurrection that will come after "a time of distress"... [Dan. 12:2](#) - *And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life* (quality of life: alive; fresh; flowing, active, lively, revived), *some to shame and everlasting contempt* (the root of "contempt" means to repulse; Daniel was speaking of the "some" who would go into a place of eternal hate and detesting!! This verse tells us that all people will be resurrected, but only some will awaken to everlasting newness of life! There is an afterlife that can be filled either with eternal joy in God's presence or eternal disgrace.

Resurrection literally means to rise; to raise up; to stand up. To raise up to life. To be raised from death to life. The bodily resurrection of Jesus is the most important event in history, providing irrefutable evidence that Jesus is WHO He claims to be – God the Son. Jesus' bodily resurrection validated Jesus' words regarding His resurrection! Jesus' bodily resurrection was not only the supreme validation of His deity...His bodily resurrection also validated Scripture which foretold His first coming and resurrection – and guarantees His physical second coming!

Let's take note of what Jesus said concerning His resurrection:

[John 2:19-21](#) – (turn to)

[Mk. 8:31](#) – *And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.*

[Mk. 9:31](#) - *For He taught His disciples and said to them, 'The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.'*

[Matt. 12:40](#) - *For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*

If Jesus was not bodily resurrected, we have no hope that our bodies will be resurrected!

[I Cor. 15:13-16](#) - *But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. <sup>15</sup> Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God,*

*because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen.*

Apart from Jesus' bodily resurrection, we have no Redeemer, no Savior, no salvation, and no hope of eternal life.

The bodily resurrection in the Hebrew Scriptures is a central theme that undergirds the hope of restoration, vindication (proving Who God is), and eternal life with God! The bodily resurrection in the Hebrew Scriptures is foundational for the gospel message, providing the

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theological basis for the resurrection of Jesus and the future resurrection of believers. This hope is not abstract but rooted in God's promises to redeem both individuals and the world in a tangible, physical way.

Jewish prayer, the Amidah, moves from praise, to petition, to thanksgiving. It is the core of every worship service. Amidah means "stand" - They praise God for His resurrection power. This prayer continues to be recited by "religious" Jewish people three times a day. The second section of the prayer reads: "You are mighty forever, O Lord, You bring to life the dead, you are mighty to save. You sustain the living with steadfast love, you bring the dead to life.... Yes, You are faithful to bring the dead to life. Blessed are you, O Lord Who raises the dead.

How wonderful to tell your Jewish friends/relatives that Jesus was bodily resurrected on the Jewish Feast of First Fruits. Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies in the Tanakh re: His first coming to die for our sin. Jesus is coming again at His physical second coming. The Jewish prophets told their people about the Messiah's first and second comings. Because Jesus came literally at His first coming, He will come literally at His second coming!

Why is it important that Jesus' body was resurrected? Couldn't His resurrection be something that was "spiritual"? NO! Jesus said He would rise bodily!!! If He didn't rise bodily, He would be a liar!!!

Following Jesus' bodily resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples...

Luke 24:36-43 - 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.

John 20:24-29 (turn to)

During the 40 days that Jesus spent on earth, in His resurrected body, He was seen by many (I Cor. 15:6). When they saw Jesus, they witnessed more than a Man returning from the dead...this Man had returned in an ETERNAL body that would never again die! The early 1<sup>st</sup> C believers learned that they too would be raised from the dead and given a glorified body (I Cor. 15). What

must they have TRULY PONDERED? AND, MARVELED at? Jesus was walking, talking ETERNAL LIFE. To see the resurrected Jesus was to observe the reality of AFTERLIFE!!! Seeing Jesus in His glorified resurrected body...TRANSFORMED their lives forever!