

## Resurrections

- I. Introduction.
  - A. What religion clearly speaks of resurrections for both the just (good or saved) and unjust (bad or unsaved)?
  - B. What is the only religion to have its founder resurrected?
  - C. How many specific resurrections does the Bible tell us about (2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 15)?
- II. Scripture.
  - A. **Special Resurrections** (never saw death).
    - 1. **Gen. 5:24; Heb. 11:5**—"*Enoch was translated...God took him.*"
    - 2. **2Ki. 2:11**—"*...a chariot of fire, and horses of fire...and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.*"
  - B. **Special Resurrections** (saw death and were resurrected, but also saw death again).
    - 1. **1Ki. 17:17-24**—"*The soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.*"
    - 2. **2Ki. 4:32-36**—"*The child was dead...the child opened his eyes.*"
    - 3. **2Ki. 13:20-21**—"*...As they were burying a man...when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.*"
    - 4. **Luk. 7:12-15**—"*...there was a dead man carried out...And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.*"
    - 5. **Mat. 27:52-53**—"*And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose. And came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.*"
    - 6. **Joh. 11:39-44**—"*...he hath been dead four days...he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, 'Loose him, and let him go.'*"
    - 7. **Act. 9:36-42**—"*...a disciple named Tabitha...was sick, and died...she opened her eyes...she sat up...presented her alive.*"
    - 8. **Rev. 11:1-13**—"*...their dead bodies...after three days and a half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet...and they ascended up to heaven in a cloud...*"

C. **Standard Resurrections** (1<sup>st</sup>=Saved and 2<sup>nd</sup>=Unsaved).

| # | Resurrection                     | Scripture                          | Comments                                                                                                                                             |
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| 1 | <b>Jesus Christ</b>              | <b>1Co. 15:20, 23</b>              | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Res:</b> " <b>First fruits</b> "- <b>1<sup>st</sup> Person</b> ; 1 <sup>st</sup> Century AD; only one resurrected by His own power |
| 2 | <b>NT/Church Saints</b>          | <b>1Th. 4:13-18; 1Co. 15:51-54</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Res:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Group- <b>Rapture</b> ; " <b>dead in Christ...rise 1<sup>st</sup></b> "                                   |
| 3 | <b>OT/Martyred Trib.* Saints</b> | <b>Rev. 20:4, 6; Eze. 37:1-28</b>  | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Res:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grp- <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Coming</b> ; OT saints/martyrs during Trib.                                        |
| 4 | <b>Millennium Saints</b>         | <b>Dan. 12:2-3; Isa. 26:19**</b>   | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Res:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grp- <b>End of Mill.</b> Saved dead/living from Mill.**                                                   |
| 5 | <b>Unsaved</b>                   | <b>Rev. 20:5, 11-15; Dan. 12:2</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Res:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> /Only Grp- <b>End of Mill. at GWTJ.</b> " <b>2<sup>nd</sup> death</b> "                                   |

III. Application.

- A. Where did life originally come from?
- B. Do you have confident hope you will be resurrected? **1Co. 15:19**—"**If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.**"
- C. What is your response to the resurrection? **Acts 17:32**—"**And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others...**"
- D. Do you believe in the resurrection of both the just and unjust? **Acts 24:15**—"**...there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.**"
- E. Since everyone will be resurrected, don't you want eternal reward and happiness with God as opposed to eternal punishment and regret?
- F. Have you believed that Jesus will resurrect you? **Joh. 11:25-26**—"**Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?**"