

Evidence of What's Next in Resurrection

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1 Corinthians 15:20, *“But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.”*

John 11:25-26, *“I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.”*

Matthew 20:18-19, *“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death,¹⁹ and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up.”*

John 6:39-40, 44, 54, *“This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.⁴⁰ For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.⁴⁴ No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.⁵⁴ He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”*

Three resurrections: 1. Christ's resurrection 2. A spiritual resurrection in baptism

Romans 6:3-5, *“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.⁵ For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection.”*

Revelation 20:6, 14, *“Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power.¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.”*

3. The general resurrection of all

1 Corinthians 15:52, *“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.”*

Who will raise us?

1. The Spirit of God will raise the dead. Romans 8:11, *“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”*

2. Jesus will raise the dead. John 6:54, *“He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”*

3. God the Father will raise the dead. 1 Corinthians 6:14, *“Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power.”*

Philippians 3:20-21, *“The Lord Jesus Christ...will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has.”*

1 Corinthians 15:35-44, *“But someone will say, “How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?”³⁶ You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies;³⁷ and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else.³⁸ But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own.³⁹ All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.⁴⁰ There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another.⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.⁴² So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body;⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.”*

What can we learn from Christ’s resurrected body?

1. Jesus had a resurrected tangible body that could be touched

John 24:38, *“Jesus said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”*

2. Jesus had a glorified tangible body that took in food

John 21:13, *“Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the fish likewise.”*

3. Jesus body could appear and disappear out of nowhere

Luke 24:31, *“Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus; and He vanished from their sight.”*

4. Jesus could be seen and heard

5. Jesus could disguise himself

6. Jesus ascended to the Father in mid air and will return the same way

Acts 1:9, 11, *“Jesus was lifted up while they were looking on and a cloud received Him out of their sight. Jesus...will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”*

7. Jesus now stands at the right hand of God

Acts 2:33, *“Having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.”*

1 Corinthians 15:55, *“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”*