

## The Continuing Importance of Bodily Resurrection

### Selected Scriptures

#### 1. The Unique Importance of the Bodily Resurrection of Jesus Christ

The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is a fundamental and non-negotiable aspect of Christian belief and hope (1 Cor. 15:17). Jesus taught about His own resurrection (Matt 16:21), it was transformative in the life and ministry of the disciples (cf. Acts 1:22), and it is essential for the good news to be good (cf. 1 Cor. 15:12ff).

#### 2. The Importance of Bodily Resurrection in \_\_\_\_\_

The Bible is fundamentally a supernatural book. It is supernatural in that it has been written because of God's doing (2 Pet. 1:16-21; 2 Tim 3:16-17), it has been preserved by God's design, and it is able to be understood with God's illumination (cf. John 14:26). It is also supernatural in that the Bible describes God as being powerful over all of His creation (cf. Col. 1:17). One of the marks of God's persistent power is the presence of bodily resurrections throughout the entirety of biblical history often through the ministry of one of God's servants.

- A. Elijah (1 Kings 17:17-24)
- B. Elisha (2 Kings 4:18-37; 13:20-21)
- C. Jesus (Luke 7:11-17, 22; 8:49-56; John 11:30-46)
- D. Peter (Acts 9:36-42)
- E. Paul (Acts 20:7-12)
- F. Other Occasions (Matt. 27:52-53; Heb. 11:35)

#### 3. The Importance of Bodily Resurrection in \_\_\_\_\_

Belief in God's power and plan for bodily resurrection, particularly of the righteous, has been a consistent part of the thinking of faithful men and women since the beginning of God's revelation to men. This was an important component of faith in God before He had raised anyone from the dead (Gen. 22:7-8; Job 19:26; cf. Heb. 11:17-19) as at other times (John 11:21-27; Luke 7:18-23; cf. Luke 16:31; Heb. 6:2). Furthermore, confusion or uncertainty concerning what the says about bodily resurrection increases one's vulnerability to other doubts (cf. 1 Cor. 15:12; 2 Tim. 2:18).

#### 4. The Importance of Bodily Resurrection in \_\_\_\_\_

Christians ought to be exceedingly convinced of the reality and importance of the bodily resurrection of both the just and the unjust. All men and women will be resurrected and given bodies which will never wear out. The final judgment of God upon mankind will culminate with God casting into the lake of fire all who have not trusted in Him alone for salvation (cf. Matt. 25:46; Rev. 20:4-15).

#### 5. The Importance of Bodily Resurrection in \_\_\_\_\_

Christ has promised that He will return for those who are His (John 14:1-6), that He will raise all of us on the last day (John 6:39), and that we will then be like Him (1 John 3:2). When we consider the joys of eternity with the Lord, we should do so knowing that we not be wandering spirits, but that we will have bodies.