



Resurrection

The Resurrection Is a Wonderful Meeting Between Body and Spirit

- Two united friends who have lived together their whole life, then separated at death
- They will remain separated until resurrection
- The glorified body will be without any blemish or sickness.

“For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.” (Mat 22:30)

“⁴² So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.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. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.”

(1 Corinthians 15:42-44)

The Second Wonderful Meeting in the Resurrection

- It is a meeting of nations and races of the whole history
- This will be the general resurrection since Adam. All nations and races that lived through generations and centuries with their different languages, features, etc.
- Undoubtedly, they will communicate using one language, language of spirit, or angels
- It will be great and strange where nations who fought each other at one point during life will consider the reasons to be very insignificant

The Third Marvelous Meeting

- The meeting of the human beings with the angels
- Angels are made of a nature more eminent than ours
- Meeting with them will be one of eternity's happy enjoyment.

The Most Wonderful Meeting

- The meeting of the Lord will surpass any other meeting in its eminence.
- Our meeting with God, blessed is His name, will be the eternal paradise
- Can't think or imagine how great and wonderful this will be because it's beyond language to express

The Resurrection Is A Miraculous Transition

- It is a transition from the limited to the unlimited.
It is an interchange from a life measured with days and years to an infinite one which has no connection with time.
- It is a transition from the visible to the invisible
It is an entrance to what is written in the Holy Bible, "*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*" (1 Cor 2:9)
- Thus, the resurrection means transition from the world of sensation to the world of spirits

The Resurrection Is A Multi-Faceted Miracle

- How the bodies are gathered once more after they changed to dust.
- We consider the resurrection a miracle not because of its difficulty but because our mind is unable to perceive how it takes place
- But though the mind fails to comprehend that matter, yet faith can easily understand it

Why Resurrection?

- **It Is necessary for justice, serenity and evenness of mind**

Believing in the resurrection and the following final judgement - reward or punishment - is a restraint to men because they will perceive that justice must prevail in the future life

- **The resurrection is also necessary for equality.**

The story of the rich man and Lazarus in the Holy Bible (*Luke 16*) presents to us a certain proof about the balance between life on earth and life in heaven

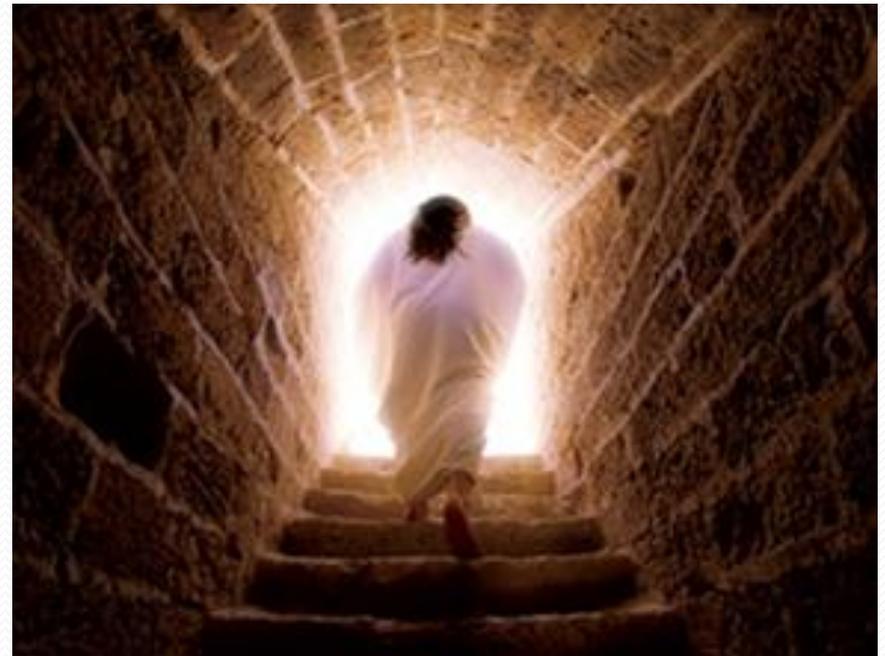
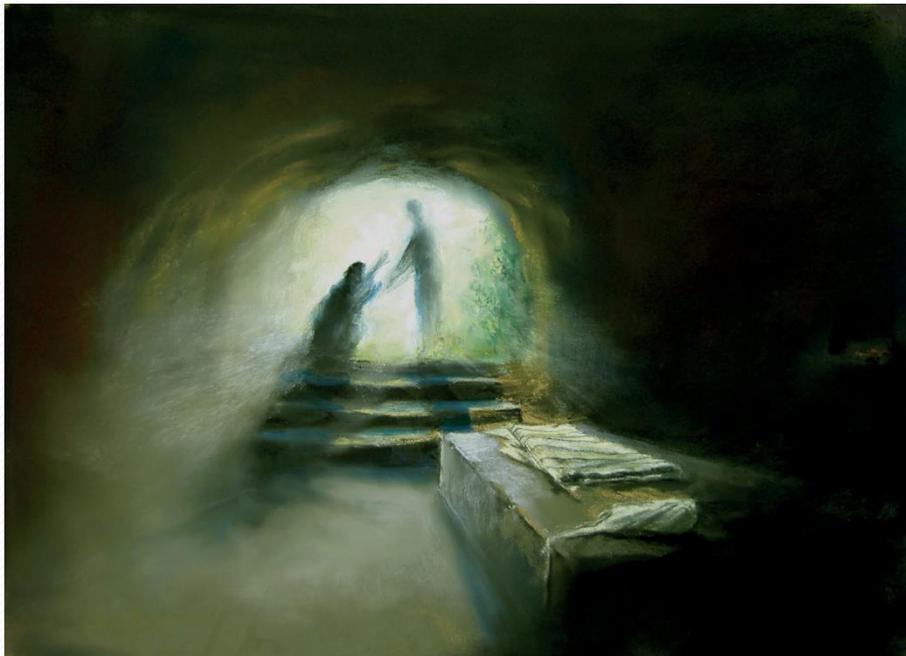
- **The Resurrection Is The Gate Of Eternity**

Was the Cross Enough for Salvation?

- Wasn't it enough that the Lord dies on the cross would there be salvation or not? Would resurrection be necessary?
- If one criminal was put in prison, as long as he's still in prison, he's still paying for his punishment. if he gets released, then punishment is over
- If the Lord remained in the tomb and did not rise, then we would still be under the punishment of sin. He may have paid the debt on the cross, but the debt would not be fulfilled & declared until the resurrection.

Why Resurrection?

- **The resurrection is the end of death. No death will come afterwards.** It's an end to that dreadful enemy. By the resurrection, God has saved humanity from that enemy and exterminated it forever.



The Power of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

- Christ rose by Himself and not by others' help
 - Elijah, the prophet raised the son of the widow at Zarephath. *(1 Kin 17:22)*
 - Elisha, the prophet, raised the son of the Shunammite. *(2 Kin 4:36)*
 - The Lord Jesus Christ raised the daughter of Jairus, and the son of Nain's widow and Lazarus
- Christ came out of the tomb while it was closed
- The Lord Jesus Christ rose in spite of the stressed guardianship, the strong guards, the seals and the big stone at the entrance of the tomb
- His resurrection was so powerful that Saint Paul said *"I may know Him and the power of His resurrection"* (Phil 3:10)

Questions about our Lord's Resurrection

- With what kind of body did the Lord Jesus Christ rise?
- Did He rise with an ordinary body like ours or with a glorified body?
- If He rose with a glorified one what would be the meaning of: "*He ate in the presence of His disciples?*" (*Luke 24:43*).
- What is the meaning of "*they touched His flesh and His bones?*" (*Luke 24:39*)
- Was the glorified body, with which the Lord rose, the same body He took from The Virgin?
- Why don't we say that He was born with a glorified body?

The Glorified Body

- Undoubtedly, the body of the resurrection, in general, is a glorified body.
- Saint Paul explained this glory saying *"The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural, it is raised a spiritual body. "* (1 Cor 15:42-44)
- If we shall be raised with a glorified body - a spiritual body - how much the more was Christ's resurrection?

The First Fruits

- This resurrection was the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Cor 15:20,23)
- *“²⁰ But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.²¹ For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming”* (1 Cor 15:20-23)

We will be in His likeness

- As with our Lord, so will it be with us when we will be raised in the general resurrection.
- The clearest proof that we will be raised in the likeness of His glorious resurrection is the saying of Saint Paul, the Apostle, in his Epistle to the Philippians *"who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, "* (Phil 3:21)
- Thus, The Lord Jesus Christ has risen with a glorified body and so will it be with us "conformed to His glorious body. "

The Glorified Body is Spiritual

- This is a clear matter which needs neither proof nor argument.
- It is well known that the glorified body is a spiritual one according to the words of Saint Paul the Apostle in his first Epistle to the Corinthians *“⁴⁵ And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.” The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. ⁴⁹ And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man. (1 Cor 15:44,49).*
- The spiritual body has risen high above materials as food and drink and above flesh and bones

He ate after His resurrection and He had flesh and bones? *(Luke 24:41-43)*

- He wished to prove to them the resurrection of His body, while they did not understand the meaning of the spiritual body.
- At that time, they did not understand the entity of the spiritual body. They never heard of such words.
- Of course, without the proofs given to them as eating and touching His flesh and His bones, they would have thought Him a spirit. *(Luke 24:37)*, a mere spirit without body.
- In their understanding it meant that the body had not risen

The Resurrection of the Body

- The important matter in the resurrection is "The rising of the body."
- It is because the spirit is, by nature, a living thing which does not die. Only the body dies when it is separated from the spirit. It changes into dust, but the spirit remains alive in the waiting place.
- Thus, the resurrection is the rising of the body which will unite with the spirit once more.
- In the Liturgy of renouncing the devil from the baptistery we say "*We believe in the resurrection of the body.*" As the disciples thought they had seen a ghost, it meant that the idea of the rising of the body was far from their minds.
- So, it was necessary to convince them with it in order that they might convince others.

Body and Spirit

- The spirit alone does not represent a complete human nature. It is necessary to prove that the body has risen.
- Thus He said to Thomas *"Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."* (John 20:27)
- He said to His disciples *"Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."* (Luke 24:39)
- Also, He allowed Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, when they came to Him and worshipped Him after the resurrection to clasp His feet (*Matt 28:9*)
- All this was to prove the rising of the body

Glorified Birth Body

- His glorified body is the same body with which He was born of the Virgin.
- But that body with which He was born was not so glorious as that of the resurrection because in His birth, *“but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant,” (Phil 2:7)*
- The act of making Himself nothing ended in the glory of the resurrection and ascension
- The resurrection of The Lord Jesus Christ was with the same body of birth but in glory or in a case of transfiguration which gave the body a glorified nature, then it became a spiritual one.
- The same steps will happen to us

Acts (4:10-12)

- St. Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and said “*by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone. Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*”

Resurrection Prophecies - *Job*

- The first prophecy of resurrection is in Job (Job was before Moses)
- *"I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;²⁶ And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷ Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another."* (Job 19:25-27)
- Essentially Job is saying that although my savior will be put in the ground, He will rise. And after my body will vanish, my eyes will see God in my own flesh.

Resurrection Prophecies *Hosea 6: 1-2*

- *“Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. ² After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight.”*
- This prophecy is about exactly how many days after death the Lord will rise.
- It also lists the sequence of event:
- First He will revive us, pointing to the freedom of the saints from the bondage of Hades
- Then He will raise us up that we may live in His sight (as was with the saints that were raised, they waited until He was risen, and then entered Jerusalem.

Resurrection Prophecies *Hosea 13:*

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- Verse 14 *“I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction ! “*