

Series: Beginnings, Betrayal, Blessings

Title: 3 RESURRECTIONS

Text: Genesis 22:11-14; Luke 24:6-7; 1 Corinthians 15; Matthew 7:21-23

Today I am going to speak on the prelude to the crucifixion and the passion of the crucifixion. And then I will address three very real Resurrections

The Prelude to the Crucifixion

Genesis 3 – Adam and Eve

- The Seed would crush the serpent
- The results of sin would be covered

Genesis 3:15 – *“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”*

Genesis 22:11-14 - Abram

- Abram to offer his son – His all
- God holds him back
- God provides the sacrifice

¹¹ *But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”* ¹² *He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”*

¹³ *And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.*

Genesis 22:14

So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

- This Mount of the Lord where it shall be provided is Moriah
- Moriah is the Mount in Zion in Jerusalem
 - The veil separated all from the holiest of places
 - On that Mount was the Holy of Holies in the temple where God’s presence would fall once a year for the sins of the people.
 - Only a High priest could go in and offer that sacrifice

The Passion of the Crucifixion

John 19:30

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Mark 16: 37-39

³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

Criminals on the cross

Luke 23:42-43, 48

⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

⁴⁸ And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts.

Matthew 27:51-54

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Insights from these passages:

He died

- a. The idea that this never occurred is nonsense.
- b. The idea that he was in a coma is nonsense.
- c. The idea that he separated his deity prior to his death is nonsense: The veil ripped from top to bottom.
- d. Access to God was established for all as He is the perfect sacrifice and our High priest.
- e. The Glory of God and forgiveness of sins are available to each of us who see Him and trust in Him.
He promised and delivered resurrection.
- f. He promised the thief as to what was to come upon death.

g. Upon His resurrection others were also raised.

Indeed, we see that day with sorrow but also as a fulfillment of all that was required for God's plan of redemption of mankind could take place

And even the writer Luke describes what takes place upon His resurrection. **Others are raised.**

I have mentioned the importance of the promise that God will provide a sacrifice and that Jesus' death paid the price for the sins of the world and that he alone is now our access to heaven as High Priest.

This is related to the crucifixion

Yet today we are celebrating resurrection Sunday

He did not stay in the grave... **He is Risen!**

I want to speak today about three resurrections that affect you and me

Three Resurrections

The Resurrected Deity

- *"Why do you seek the living among the dead?"⁶ He is not here, but has risen."*
 - Luke 24:3-8
 - *...when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"⁶ He is not here, but has risen."*

Luke 24:6-7

"Why do you seek the living among the dead?"⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."

⁸*And they remembered his words*

- he walks and talks with the travelers on the road to Emmaus
- he appears to His disciples and for forty days he remains until he ascends to heaven
- Mary Magdalene and the gardener
 - *John 20:17 Jesus said to her, "**Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'**"*

- Matthew 28 – the women and the guards
 - Angel and guards as dead men – the ladies are stepping over the guards
 - ² *And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.*
 - ⁹ *And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”*
- Mark 16
 - ¹⁴ *Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.*

The Resurrected Dead

- We see that even upon the morning of His resurrection, those who had passed away prior and were God-fearing were raised and seen by many

Paul's Writings Speak on Resurrection

There are three great passages in the writings of Paul in which the subject of the resurrection of the dead receives special treatment:

1 Corinthians 15; 2 Corinthians 5:1-4; and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

Resurrection of Believers

1. Christ's Resurrection Guarantees the Believers Resurrection

Because Christ is risen, the believer will also rise someday (15:12-20, 45-49).

2. Similar Body

The body that will be raised is somehow related to the one that died (15:35-38, 42-44, 52,53).

3. New Body for Each Believer

There will, however, be a new glorified body for each believer.

(15:35-54). This raised body, which is characterized by the spirit, will be immortal and incorruptible.

2 Corinthians 5:1-4 This passage contrasts our earthly house with the house not made with hands in the heavens.

1 Thess. 4:13-17

¹³ *But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.*

¹⁴ *For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.*

¹⁵ *For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.*

But it is not just the resurrection of the believer, but all who have lived will be resurrected and brought before the judgement seat of heaven

The resurrection of the believers, but actually everyone will rise from the dead

Resurrection of ALL

Jesus speaks about that resurrection

Matthew 7:21-23

²¹ *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”*

Matthew 25:31 - 32

³¹ *“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”*

But to the believer He says

Matthew 25: 45-46

⁴⁵‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’”

- **Romans 3:23**

- *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Great white throne judgment

Your name not in the Book?

Rev. 20:11-15 says that:

¹¹ *And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw*

the dead, small and great, stand before God;

and the books were opened: and another

book was opened, which is the book of life:

and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

¹³ *And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.*

¹⁴ *And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*

¹⁵ *And **whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.***

Your name IS in the Book?

To those whose name is in that Book He says

Rev. 20

⁵ *And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”* Also he said, *“Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”* ⁶ *And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.”* ⁷ *The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.*

- Jesus rose that we might rise with him – That Day of the crucifixion and the resurrection made it available.
- Jesus will judge every person and separate them some to heaven others to hell – That day of judgement will come for everyone – no exceptions.
- It will be a day of separation.

The resurrected Deity The resurrected Dead

The Third Resurrection is
The Resurrected Decision

The Resurrected Decision

Everyone who hears this message must make a decision to give their life to Him and serve Him as Lord – or not.

- They must do so before their passing
- One of the great lies of the church and in the lives of those who think they Christian but only are in name is that **EVERYONE WILL BE IN HEAVEN.**
 - It is a kindness to say it when someone passes.
 - The truth we do not know what transpires in the heart of one in their moment.
 - Hopefully, like the thief on the cross will call out and be saved.
 - But the sad truth and the true kindness I can give is to say that indeed not everyone will go to heaven

A Decision must be made

- That decision that will bring you out of spiritual death into life –
- From death to Life

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

In that same chapter in His discussion with Nicodemus he says you must be born again, born of the Spirit.

A new Creation

2 Corinthians 5: 17 - *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation*

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2 Cor. 6:2

For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

DECISION TIME