





EASTER SUNDAY

27 March 2016

Jesus has risen!!!

3 Resurrections in the Old Testament

1 Kings 17:21-24

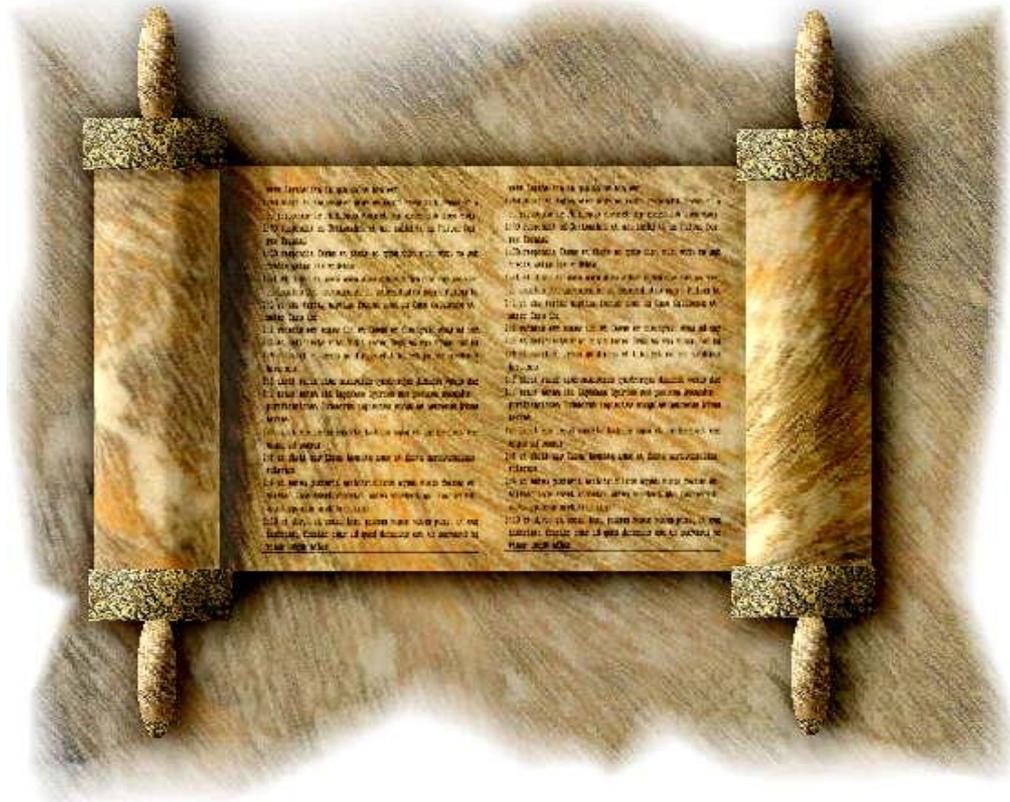
The **son** of the widow of Zarephath, raised to life by Elijah.

2 Kings 4:32-35

The **son** of the woman of Shunem, raised to life by Elisha.

2 Kings 13:21

The **dead man** who was laid on Elisha's bones, and came back to life again.



6 Resurrections in the New Testament

Luke 7:11-17 Jesus touches the coffin and raises the **only son** of the widow of Nain.

Luke 8:55 Jesus raises the twelve year old **daughter** of Jairus, ruler of the synagogue.

John 11:38-44 Jesus raises **Lazarus** after he had been in the tomb four days.

Matthew 27:52-53 Near Jerusalem, tombs broke open, and many **holy people** came out of their graves and appeared to many after Jesus' resurrection.

Acts 9:40 Peter prays for **Dorcas/Tabitha** and raises her from the dead in Joppa.

Acts 20:9-12 Paul raises **Eutychus** to life after he fell to his death from the window of the third storey.



List of Jesus' resurrection appearances

(1) Sunday AM: Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene, who was crying at the tomb.

(2) Sunday AM: Jesus appears to the other women, Mary mother of James & Joses, Salome, Johanna, and possibly other women who were with them.

(3) Sunday PM: Jesus appears privately to Peter.

(4) Sunday PM: Jesus appears to the two travelling to Emmaus.

(5) Sunday evening: Jesus appears to the disciples and some others, minus Thomas.

(6) Next Sunday: Jesus appears to all 11 disciples together, including Thomas.



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(7) Sometime later: Jesus appears to 7 of the disciples at the shore of Galilee.

(8) Jesus appears to the apostles and over 500 witnesses.

(9) Jesus appears to James privately.

(10) Jesus appears to disciples in Jerusalem, leads them to the mount of Olives and ascends to heaven.

(11) Jesus appears to Paul on the way to Damascus.

(Note) There may well have been more, but these are the ones recorded in the Bible...



The Importance of Jesus' Resurrection

(1) Jesus' death & resurrection are **THE ESSENCE** of the Gospel Message and our Faith!

- That is what we are to preach & teach...
- That is what the enemy seeks to silence!
- Not social justice...
not moral improvement...
not clever philosophy...
not health & prosperity...

→ But, Jesus crucified
and risen again!

→ **Acts 10:39-43** (=Peter...)

→ **1 Corinthians 15:3-8** (=Paul...)



The Importance of Jesus' Resurrection

(2) The Resurrection of Jesus Christ proves that **HE IS THE SON OF GOD!**

- The God-Man who came back!
- Who else came back from the dead to prove himself ?!
- ➔ Therefore Jesus is
the Way...
the Truth...
and the Life...
- ➔ Only by believing in Him
can we be saved.
- ➔ **John 20:24-31**



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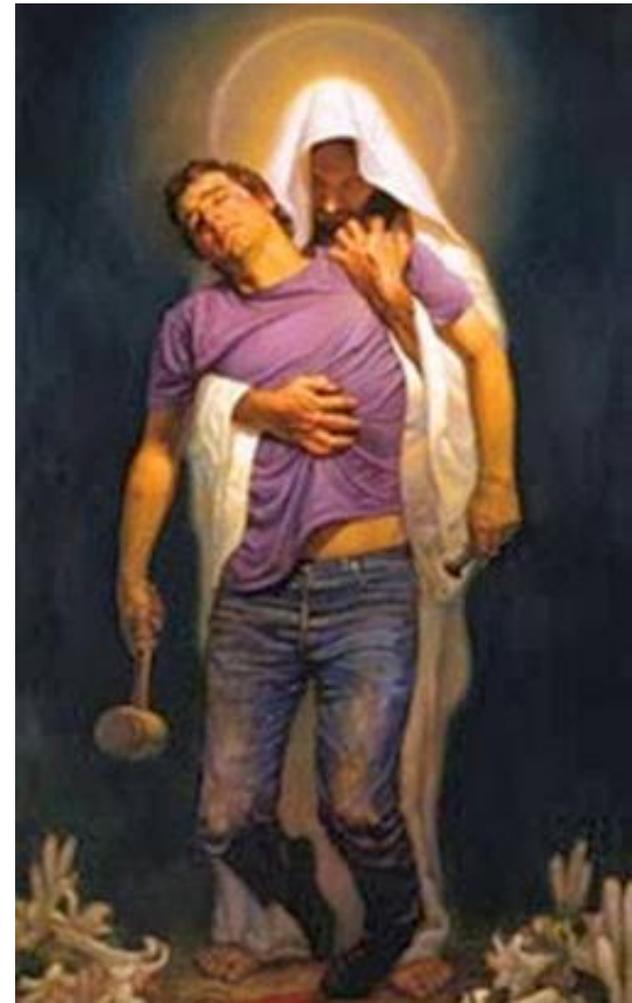
(3) Jesus' Resurrection proves that His sacrifice was **VALID** and is **ACCEPTED** on our behalf by God!

- The Father has accepted Jesus' sacrifice in our stead.
- Our **forgiveness** is assured.
- Our **redemption** is totally certain.

→ We are not just **forgiven**
but also **justified** before God!

→ **Romans 4:22-25**

→ **Romans 5:16-19**



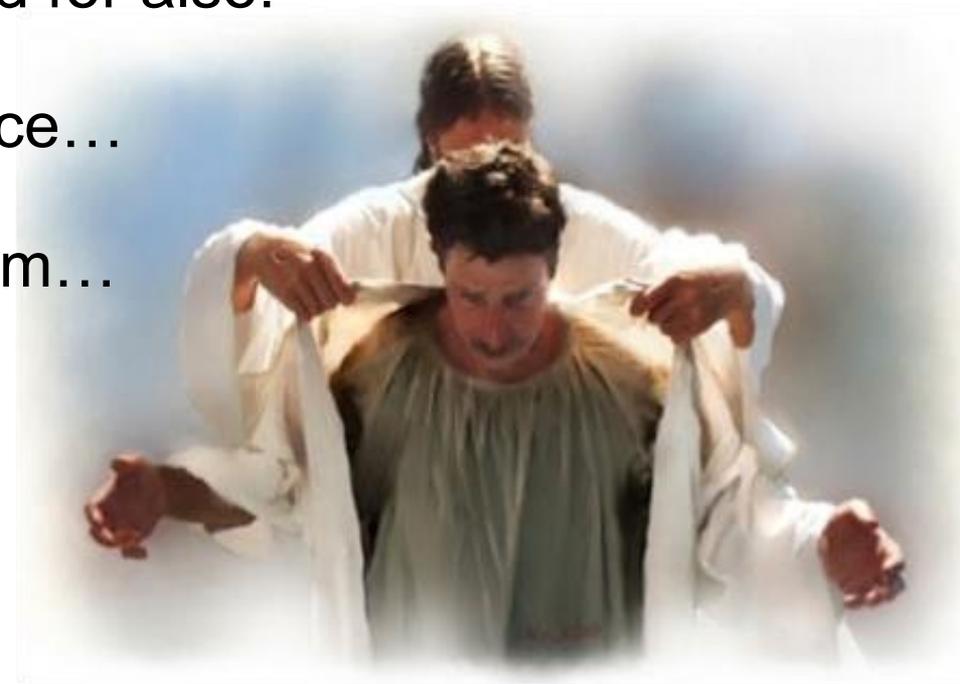
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(4) Jesus' Resurrection proves that **WE** will also be resurrected with a **GLORIFIED BODY**, just like Him!

- He is the first fruits of the resurrection:
The first man to receive a glorified body.
- That is what we are destined for also!
- We shall see Him face to face...
- We shall live forever with Him...

→ **1 Corinthians 15:20-23**

→ **1 Corinthians 15:35-49**



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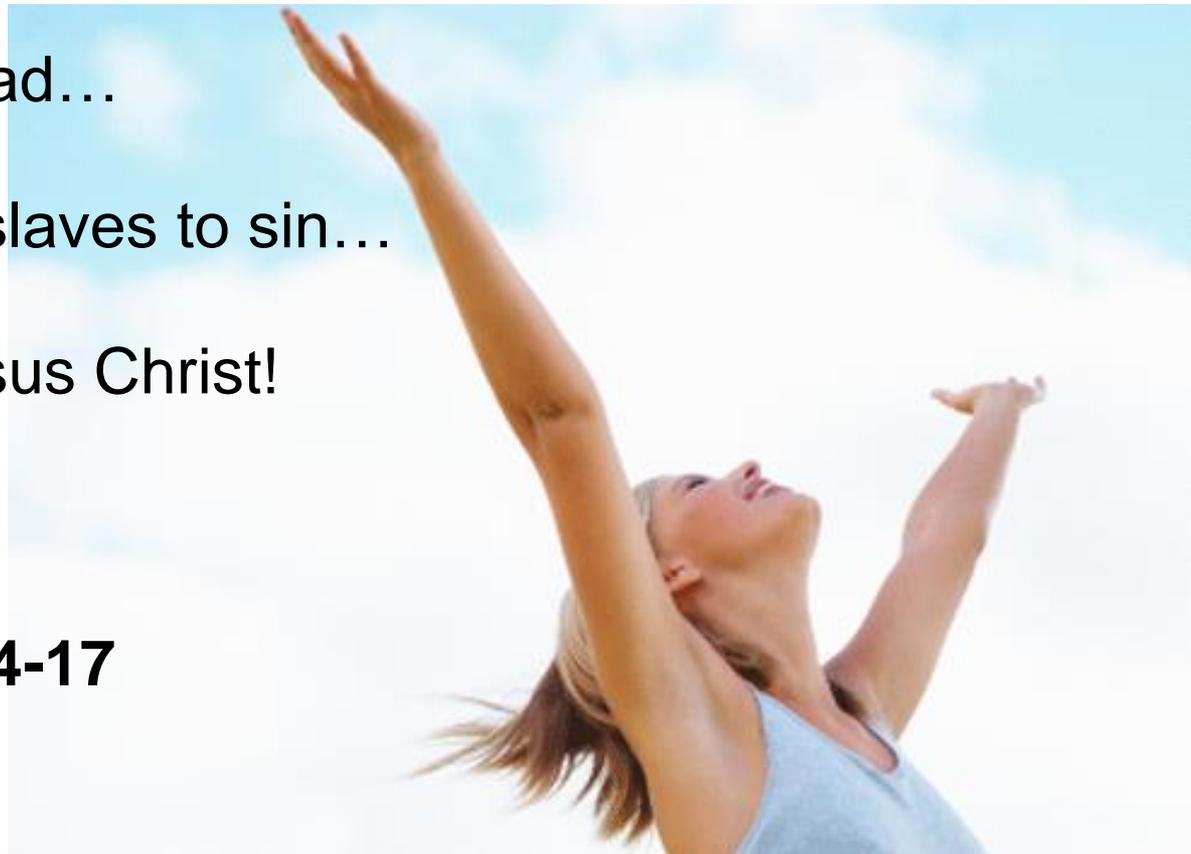
(5) Because Jesus rose, we can now live the **NEW LIFE** in the **POWER** of Jesus' Resurrection.

- We are a New Creation...
- The "old me" is dead...
- We are no longer slaves to sin...

→ We are alive in Jesus Christ!

→ **Romans 6:8-13**

→ **2 Corinthians 5:14-17**



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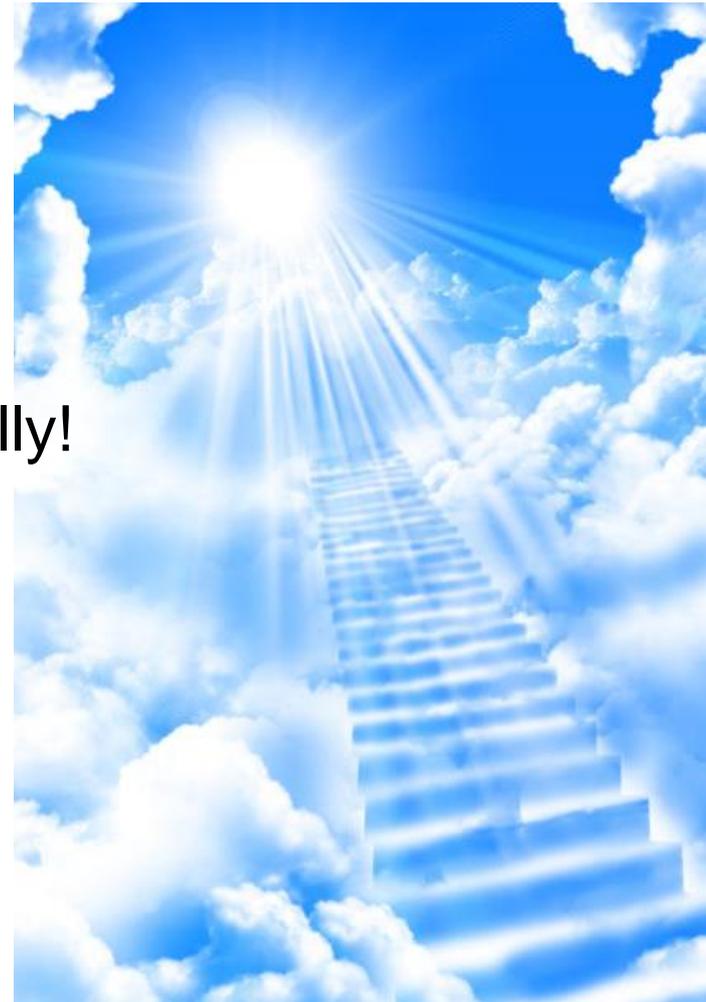
(6) The Resurrection of Jesus is proof that He will ultimately **CONQUER DEATH COMPLETELY!**

- Death's reign will come to an end...
- We need not fear death anymore...
- Jesus defeated death on the 3rd day
- One day He will vanquish death totally!
- Death & Mourning will be no more!

→ **Revelation 20:14-15**

→ **Revelation 21:1-4**

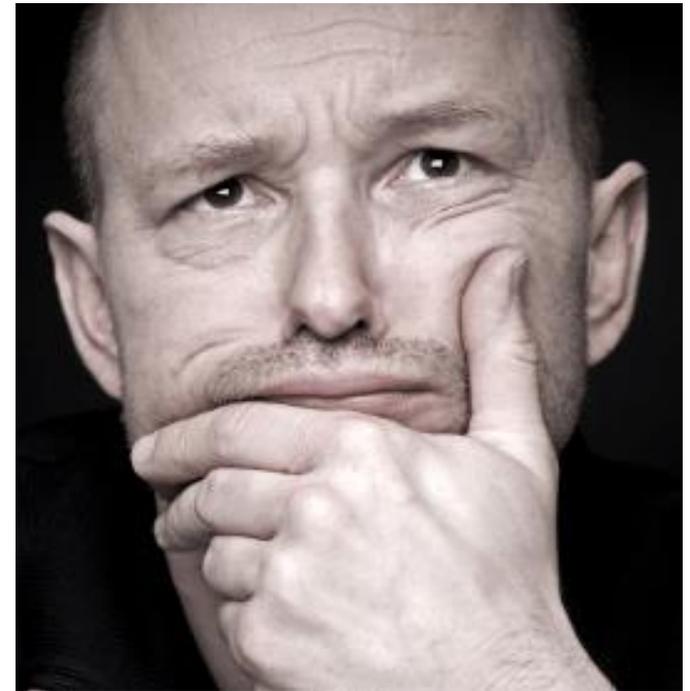
→ **1 Corinthians 15:54-55**



The Importance of Jesus' Resurrection

(7) Warning: If this is all a pious lie, and Jesus did **NOT RISE FROM THE DEAD**... Then:

- Preaching the gospel is useless...
- The Christian faith is pointless...
- The apostles are all liars...
- We are all still in our sins...
- We and the dead are all lost...
- We have no real hope...
- We are to be pitied more than all men...



➔ **1 Corinthians 15:14-19...**

➔ **“But...” v.20 !**

→ So What ... ? !

- Do you **believe** Jesus rose from the dead?
Why or why not? You can't remain neutral!
- If you do, how is that affecting **your life**?
Does it make any **visible difference**?
- Are you **trusting only in Jesus** for your salvation?
Resting in His complete & unmerited forgiveness?
- Are you looking forward to meeting Jesus **face to face**?
To having a **glorified eternal body** just as He has?
- Are you **living today** in the Power of Jesus' Resurrection?
Or are you still struggling and constantly defeated by sin?
- Are you **telling others** around you the message of Jesus?
Or are you ashamed of him and live as a secret Christian?





SONG: “This Changes Everything” by - Matt Papa – on YouTube

