

**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.

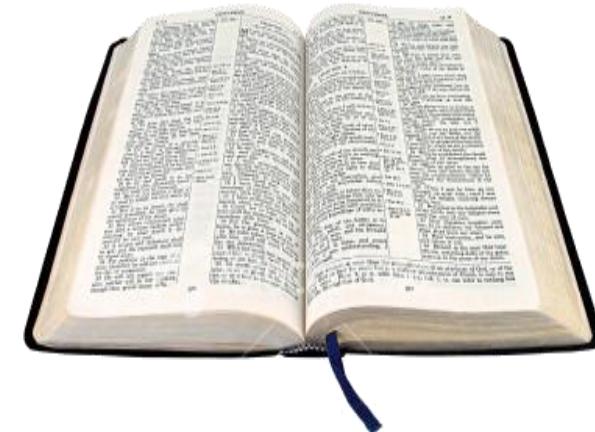
**Luke 8:55** Jesus raises the twelve year old **daughter** of Jairus, ruler of the synagogue.

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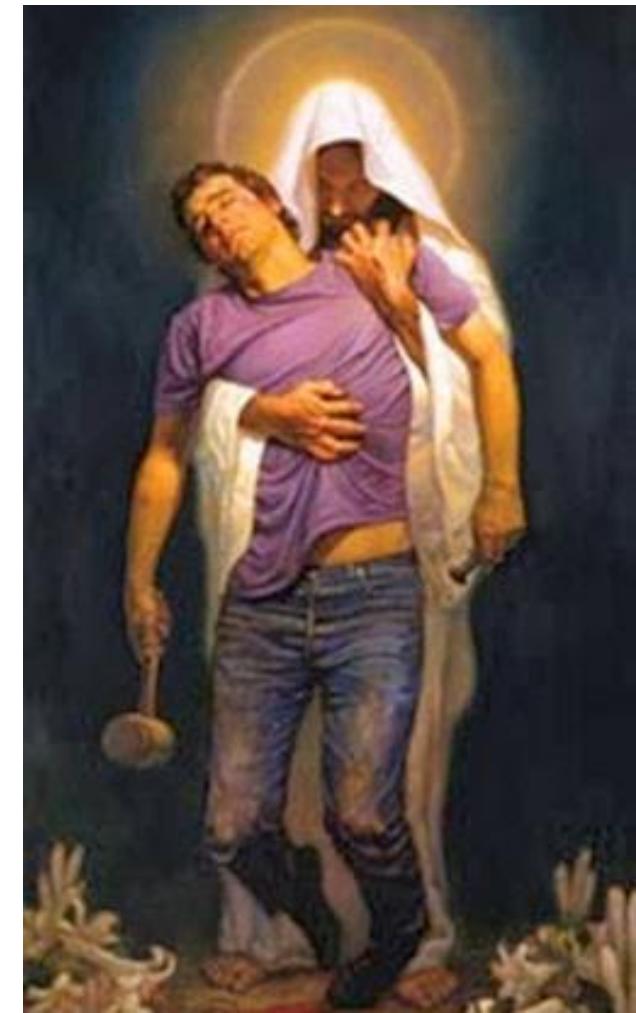
(3) Jesus' Resurrection proves that His sacrifice was **VALID** and is **ACCEPTED** on our behalf by God!

- 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



# The Importance of Jesus' Resurrection

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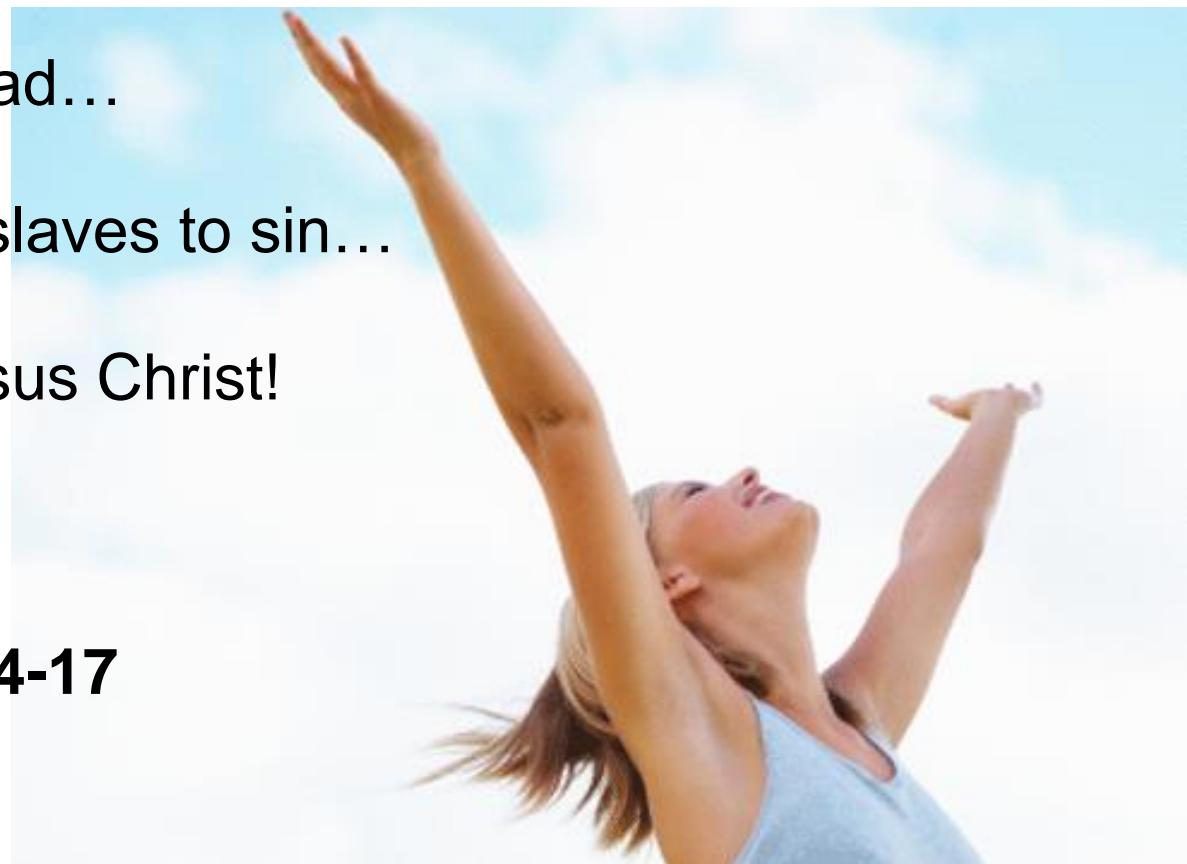
(5) Because Jesus rose, we can now live the **NEW LIFE** in the **POWER** of Jesus' Resurrection.

- 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



# The Importance of Jesus' Resurrection

(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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

