

RESURRECTION!

Introduction

- 1) A **resurrection** is one of the most incredible miracles recorded in the Bible
- 2) It had to be simply amazing to witness the power of God over death itself (Lk. 8:56)
- 3) The resurrection from the dead is a foundational hope of the Christian (Phil. 3:10-11)
- 4) This lesson will survey the subject of the **resurrection** as presented in the Bible

I) “Resurrection”

- A) **Anastasis** (Gk) – “a raising up” or “rising” (lit. to cause to stand up) (Vine)
 - 1) Refers to the “raising up” of the dead body back to life again (return of the soul)
 - 2) Death = separation of spirit [soul] and body (Eccl. 12:6-7; Jas. 2:26)
- B) First mentioned as being in the mind of Abraham (Heb. 11:17-18)

II) Old Testament Resurrections

- A) The widow’s son by Elijah (1 Kgs. 17:17-24)
 - 1) Recognized death as the absence of the soul
 - 2) Miracle provided evidence for woman about Elijah and his message
- B) The Shunammite woman’s son by Elisha (2 Kgs. 4:32-37)
 - 1) This and the previous resurrection referred to in Heb. 11:35a – women of faith
- C) Man whose body had been placed in Elisha’s tomb (2 Kgs. 13:20-21)

III) New Testament Resurrections

- A) The widow’s son by Jesus (Lk. 7:11-17; cf. Matt. 11:3-5)
- B) The daughter of Jarius by Jesus (Lk. 8:40-42, 49-56)
- C) Lazarus by Jesus (Jn. 11:38-44; cf. Jn. 20:30-31)
- D) Those raised after graves opened at Jesus’ death (Matt. 27:52-53)
- E) Tabitha by Peter (Acts 9:36-42)
- F) Eutychus by Paul (Acts 20:9-12)

IV) The Resurrection of Jesus

- A) The resurrection of Jesus was a bodily resurrection (Jn. 2:18-22; Lk. 24:39; Jn. 20:24-28; Acts 1:3; prophecy – Acts 2:27, 31-32)
 - 1) Jesus now sits on His throne in heaven with a changed, glorious body (Phil. 3:21)
- B) Jesus was the “firstfruits” from the dead (1 Cor. 15:20; Rev. 1:5; Acts 26:23)
 - 1) Not that He was first to be resurrected, but the first raised to *never die again* (Heb. 7:16)

V) Our Future Resurrection

- A) We are spiritually resurrected from sin now, and have the hope of a future, bodily resurrection (Eph. 2:1, 5-6; Jn. 5:28-29)
- B) Our resurrection will take place at the second coming of Christ (1 Cor. 15:21-26; 1 Thess. 4:14-16)
 - 1) The dead will be raised to stand before God in judgment (Rev. 20:13)
 - 2) Our resurrected bodies will be changed to incorruptible (1 Cor. 15:42-46, 50-54)

Conclusion

It is important that we understand our “one hope” (Eph. 4:4). There were, and are, those who deny the resurrection (Lk. 20:27; 1 Cor. 15:12), and others who say that it is already past (2 Tim. 2:17-18). We must be ready to unashamedly affirm the truth revealed in the Bible about the subject of the resurrection and refute every false doctrine that threatens the faith. Are you preparing for your resurrection? Are you ready for that final day?