

Revived: The Resurrection of Christ & of Christians

Q1 – Why is the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ important?

The resurrection of Jesus Christ assures believers that they too will _____.

1 Corinthians 15:12-14, 16-18, 20-23 (ISV) – ¹² Now if we preach that the Messiah has been raised from the dead, how can some of you keep claiming there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then the Messiah has not been raised, ¹⁴ and if the Messiah has not been raised, then our message means nothing and your faith means nothing. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then the Messiah has not been raised, ¹⁷ and if the Messiah has not been raised, your faith is worthless and you are still imprisoned by your sins. ¹⁸ Yes, even those who have died believing in the Messiah are lost. ²⁰ But at this moment the Messiah stands risen from the dead, the first one offered in the harvest of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also came through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in the Messiah will all be made alive. ²³ However, this will happen to each person in the proper order: first the Messiah, then those who belong to the Messiah when he comes.

Q2 – What happens to believers in Jesus when they die?

The _____ of believers in Jesus are _____ and they are fully conscious. See also Acts 7:59-60, Philippians 1:21-24, and Revelation 6:9-11.

Luke 23:33, 39-43 (NET) – ³³ So when they came to the place that is called “The Skull,” they crucified him there, along with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ One of the criminals who was hanging there railed at him, saying, “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Don’t you fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹ And he rightly so, for we are getting what we deserve for what we did, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” ⁴³ And Jesus said to him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Q3 – So when Jesus leaves heaven and comes to earth, what will happen to the believer in Jesus?

Their spirit/soul will _____ with their dead body and their body will _____.

The believer who is still _____ on earth when Jesus comes back, will _____ with resurrected believers to meet Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NLT) – ¹³ And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. ¹⁵ We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. ¹⁷ Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ So encourage each other with these words.

The bodies of believers will be _____ to be like _____!

Philippians 3:20-21 (NIV) – ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Our changed bodies will be _____ and _____.

1 Corinthians 15:51-54 (NRSV) – ⁵¹ Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

Q4 – The Bible says that believers in Jesus will one day be bodily resurrected, but what about those who do not believe in Jesus?

Those who do not believe in Jesus go to _____ when they die, but will one day be bodily resurrected for _____, and will then spend eternity with _____. See also 1 John 3:4-10, Luke 16:19-31, Matthew 25:41, 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10, and Revelation 20:10-15.

John 5:28-29 (HCSB) – ²⁸ *Do not be amazed at this, because a time is coming when all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come out—those who have done good things, to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked things, to the resurrection of judgment.* See also Acts 24:15.

Q5 – How can I respond to this message?

By turning from _____ & turning to _____ by _____ the good news of Jesus' death & resurrection, then I will be saved from _____ & not be afraid of a resurrection that leads to eternal judgement!

2 Peter 3:9 (GW) – *He doesn't want to destroy anyone but wants all people to have an opportunity to turn to him and change the way they think and act.*

1 Timothy 2:3-5 (ISV) – ³ *This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to know the truth fully. ⁵ There is one God. There is also one mediator between God and human beings—a human, the Messiah Jesus.*

1 John 4:9-10, 16-19 (NCV) – ⁹ *This is how God showed his love to us: He sent his one and only Son into the world so that we could have life through him. ¹⁰ This is what real love is: It is not our love for God; it is God's love for us. He sent his Son to die in our place to take away our sins. ¹⁶ And so we know the love that God has for us, and we trust that love. God is love. Those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made perfect in us: that we can be without fear on the day God judges us, because in this world we are like him. ¹⁸ Where God's love is, there is no fear, because God's perfect love drives out fear. It is punishment that makes a person fear, so love is not made perfect in the person who fears.*

1 Timothy 4:10 (NIRV) – *...we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.*