

The Mystery of the Resurrection

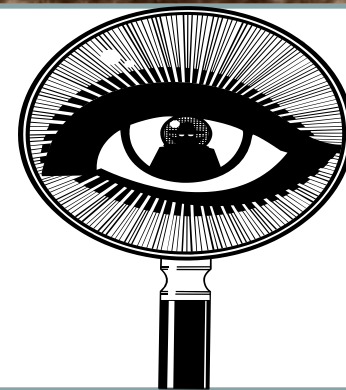
1 Corinthians
15:50-53



Introduction of Text

- Discourse on the resurrection of the dead
 - Vs. 12, How could anyone not believe?
 - Vs. 13-17, If not, has Christ risen?
 - Vs. 18-33, Depth into Christ' resurrection
 - Vs. 34-44, Don't be a fool, WAKE UP!
 - Vs. 45-49, Bearing the heavenly image
 - Vs. 50-53, GREAT MYSTERY REVEALED

**What is the Mystery
of the Resurrection?**



Proclamation of the Resurrection

- Jesus proclaimed the resurrection
 - John 6: 39-40, “ *this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day”*
 - John 6:44, 54, “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day...Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”



Proclamation of the Resurrection

- Apostles proclaimed the resurrection
 - **Acts 4:1-2**, Peter & John, *“spoke unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.”*
 - **Acts 23:6**, Paul, *“cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.”*



Time of the Resurrection

- The Last Day

- **John 5:28-29**, “**Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which ALL that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; AND they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”**
- **1 Corinthians 15:22**, “For as in Adam ALL die, even so in Christ shall ALL be made alive...”
- **1 Corinthians 15:52**, “the last trumpet”



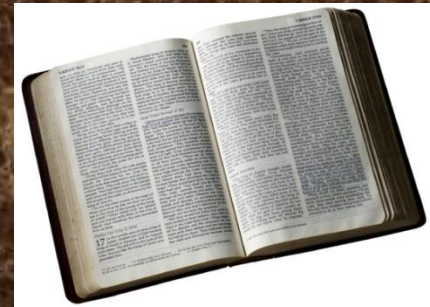
How Many Resurrections?

- Some teach two or more resurrections
 - Believers, then unbelievers, 1000 yrs. apart
- Bible teaches one resurrection
 - **Daniel 12:2**, *“many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”*
 - **John 5:28-29**, *“for the hour is coming, in the which ALL that are in the graves shall hear his voice.. (both good & evil)”*

Only One Resurrection

Agent of the Resurrection?

- Jesus gave credit to “The Power of God”
 - **Matthew 22:28-29**, *“in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven?”... Jesus said, “Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.”*
- Paul taught hope toward God
 - **Acts 24:15**, *“have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead”*
 - **1 Corinthians 15:22**, *“as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”*



He Is Coming Back?

- He will never be on earth again
 - **John 18:36**, *“My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews”*
 - **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**, *“Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”*

The Body of the Resurrection

- The Body Will Be Gloriously Changed
 - Vs. 35-37, Physical body to an immortal body
 - Vs. 42-49, The body is...
 - Sown in corruption, raised in incorruption
 - Sown in dishonor, raised in glory
 - Sown in weakness, raised in power
 - Sown in a natural body, raised in a spiritual body
- The Body will be transformed & conformed
 - **Philippians 3:20-21**, ***“we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body...”***



Conclusion of the Mystery

- More we would like to know, however, the “Mystery of the Resurrection is revealed...
 - Enough to take away the “*sting of death*”.
 - Enough to take away the victory from Satan.
 - Enough to give victorious hope of the future.
 - Enough to motivate us to serve the Lord until he comes again. (Revelation 2:10)

1 Corinthians 15:55-58

Are you ready for the resurrection?

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