

All Are Resurrected

Matthew 22:23-33

23 The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, 24 saying: "Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. 25 "Now there were with us seven brothers. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother. 26 "Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh. 27 "Last of all the woman died also. 28 "Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her." 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. 30 "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven. 31 "But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 32 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." 33 And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.

God created us eternal beings. We were created not only physical but spiritual as well. Our physical is born, matures and then begins to break down. Eventually we die but because we are spiritual being intended to last forever everyone will be resurrected. From Adam to the last person to live and die on this earth. Resurrection means "to stand again."

386. *anastasis* *anastasis* an-as'-tas-is; from 450; a standing up again, i.e. (literally) a resurrection from death (individual, genitive case or by implication [its author]), or (figuratively) a (moral) recovery (of spiritual truth):— raised to life again, resurrection, rise from the dead, that should rise, rising again.
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Jesus told those who doubted him, in John 5:28 "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 "and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Resurrection also means accountability. The world says eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die. But if the truth is that we will be judged after the resurrection then it means that we must be careful how we live each day. Let us look at this passage.

- I. There are many who do not believe in a resurrection
 - A. The Sadducees were naturalistic, if they could not see it they didn't believe in it.
 1. They did not believe in men having souls.
 2. They thought that once you were dead, you were dead.
 3. This might have been the reason they put such emphasis on material things.

B. When Paul preached to the Athenians on Mars hill he proclaimed to the them resurrection but notice what the response was

1. Acts 17:32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter."

C. A relative small portion of the population today believes that there will be no resurrection.

1. But still today we are one of the most materialistic societies that ever existed.
2. And most people live as if there were no future judgment.

D. They always have a logically conclusive argument why Christians are fools to believe in a "pie in the sky" type of theology.

1. So these did too.
2. They had a concocted story about a set of seven brothers who all ended up marrying one woman as each of them died off without having any children.
3. They figured that since no one could answer their riddle, then there must not even be a resurrection.
4. Like others who become wise in their own minds, Jesus turned their wisdom to foolishness.

II. The resurrection is sure because of two indisputable facts.

A. The Scriptures plainly tell us there will be a resurrection.

1. Jesus simply referred to some of their most sacred and oft repeated Scriptures.
 - a. God in the Old Testament is often referred to as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
 - b. Then Jesus points out that God is the God of the living, not of the dead.
 - c. The Old Testament passages never say that God "was" the God of these men when they were alive but always speaks of them as though they were still alive today.
 - d. This also puts to bed (pardon the pun) the idea of soul sleep.
 - e. For these men are considered alive at the present, not in the past nor in prospective.
2. There are a number of Old Testament passages that speak of a resurrection.

- a. "Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! That they were engraved on a rock With an iron pen and lead, forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;
- b. And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God, Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me! Job 19:23-27
- c. I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. Psa 16:8-10
- d. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, For He shall receive me. Selah Psa 49:15
- e. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever. Dan 12:2-3
- f. He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. Isa 25:8

B. The resurrection is sure because God is powerful enough to make it happen.

- 1. Notice in verse 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing . . . the power of God.
- 2. He created the first man Adam that brought death upon the human race and He also sent His only Son by whom we will be raised from the dead.
- 3. 1Co 15:21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.
- 4. Ro 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
 - a. As we notice our resurrection to life is dependent upon if we have the Spirit of Christ living in us.
 - b. If we have His Spirit in us then God who raised up Christ's body will raise up ours.