

Resurrection Facts

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The word “resurrection” means “a raising up...a rising from the dead.” There is a lot of speculation and misinformation concerning the resurrection. Here are seven facts about the resurrection from the Scriptures.

The Resurrection Is Certain. Jesus said, “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...” (John 5:28-29). Paul affirmed, “...there shall be a resurrection of the dead...” (Acts 24:15).

The Resurrection Includes All. The Lord stated, “...all that are in the graves...shall come forth...” (John 5:28-29). None will be left!

The Resurrection Reveals Two Groups of People. “...they that have done good...and they that have done evil...” (John 5:29); or, as Paul put it, “...the just and the unjust” (Acts 24:15).

The Resurrection Declares Two Final Destinies. “Life” and “damnation” (John 5:29). Our destiny is determined by what we do in life.

The Resurrection Will Take Place at the Last Day. Jesus taught, “And this is the Father’s will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And

this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day” (John 6:39-40). Martha said concerning her brother Lazarus, “I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day” (John 11:23-24).

The Resurrection Is Assured by the Resurrection of Jesus. “Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you” (2 Corinthians 4:14). Christ is “...the firstfruits of them that slept” (1 Corinthians 15:20). Thus, the apostles “preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead” (Acts 4:2; 17:18).

The Resurrection Will Bring Forth a Spiritual Body. A reading of 1 Corinthians 15 will show that the body to be resurrected is going to be of a different nature than that which is put in the ground. It will be a body that pleases God, a glorious body, an incorruptible body, a spiritual body. Paul wrote, “Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body...” (Philippians 3:21). John declared, “...it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2).

In light of these facts, be steadfast and unmoveable (1 Corinthians 15:58).

The Second Coming of Christ

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There is much misunderstanding about the second coming of Christ. There is no need for such as the Bible is clear in its teaching.

The Fact of His Coming. *Jesus affirmed He is coming.* He said, “For the Son of man shall come...” (Matthew 16:27). He talked about “...when he cometh...” (Mark 8:38). He promised, “...I will come again...” (John 14:3). *Angels announced He is coming.* Two angels said, “...this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come...as ye have seen him go into heaven...” (Acts 1:9-11). *Apostles asserted He is coming.* Hebrews 9:28 records, “So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”

The Time of His Coming. It is unknown to man. “But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father” (Mark 13:32). Thus, the need to always be ready!

The Manner of His Coming. He will come as He left. “...this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come

in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11). He will come “...as a thief in the night” (1 Thessalonians 5:2). His coming will be audible. “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God...” (1 Thessalonians 4:16). His coming will be visible. “Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him...” (Revelation 1:7). You won’t miss it!

Events Associated with His Coming. There are a number of outstanding events associated with Christ’s second coming. When He comes the dead will be raised (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18), the living will be changed (1 Corinthians 15:51-52), the present world will end (2 Peter 3:10-12), all men will be judged and eternally rewarded (Matthew 25:31-46), the kingdom will be delivered up to God (1 Corinthians 15:24), and the reign of Christ will end (1 Corinthians 15:24-28).

“When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8). The day of Christ’s second coming will be a day of great tragedy and a day of great triumph (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10). Which will it be for you?

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