

# “THE REALITY OF RESURRECTION”

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*"If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men."  
~ 1 Corinthians 15:19 (NIV)*

Three reasons we can find hope in the resurrection...

## I. JESUS \_\_\_\_\_ IN A RESURRECTION.

### A. Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_ on heaven!

**John 14:19** "Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live." NIV

**John 11:25-26** "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'" NIV

**John 6:40** "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." NIV

**Matthew 22:31-32** "But about the resurrection of the dead-have you not read what God said to you, 32'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.'" NIV

### B. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ in the resurrection.

**2 Corinthians 4:14** "Because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence." NIV

**1 Corinthians 6:14** "By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also." NIV

## II. THE RESURRECTION WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_.

### A. By definition, resurrection requires a \_\_\_\_\_!

**Genesis 2:7** "the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."

### B. Transformed bodies, but same \_\_\_\_\_ (Continuity)

**2 Corinthians 5:17** "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" NIV

**Job 19:26-27** "And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; 27 I myself will see him with my own eyes-I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!" NIV

## III. OUR BODIES WILL BE LIKE \_\_\_\_\_ ' RESURRECTED BODY.

### A. The resurrection of Jesus is called the "\_\_\_\_\_."

**1 Corinthians 15:20** "But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." NIV

**1 Corinthians 15:49** "And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven." NIV

### B. Our new bodies will be \_\_\_\_\_!

**Philippians 3:20-21** "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." (NIV)

**1 John 3:2-3** "Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 Everyone who has this **hope** in him purifies himself, just as he is pure." (NIV)

### C. Jesus went \_\_\_\_\_ to show what his resurrected body was like:

1. "It is I myself" - **same** \_\_\_\_\_, same body  
**Luke 24:39** "Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

2. "Destroy this temple..." - **same** \_\_\_\_\_.  
**John 2:19** "Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.'" NIV

3. \_\_\_\_\_ with disciples - not levitating!  
**Luke 24:13-16; Luke 24:28-32**

4. \_\_\_\_\_ on shore of Galilee - he **Cooked** fish!  
**John 21:12a** "Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.'"

5. He didn't \_\_\_\_\_! (Why?)  
**Matt 26:29** "I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom." NIV

### D. **BUT**, his body could \_\_\_\_\_! (Emmaus, Upper room)

## IV. SUMMARY ...

**Next week:** We will continue our *Questions About HEAVEN* series with part #4 : "The New Earth" by Pastor Bill Young