

What We Believe About the Resurrection

We believe that Jesus physically came back to life and He went to be with the Father in heaven. This is the resurrection and ascension of Jesus. Today, we are going to look at:

- The details of the resurrection and ascension
- Why the resurrection and ascension happened
- What the resurrection and ascension does for us

Taking it Further ...

Do you have questions about our resurrection? If you do, you're not alone! Many people do, and seeing how it's a big part of our future (if you're saved), we need some answers! Let's go to the Bible and find out some answers to some frequently asked questions about our resurrection.

- #1 What is the resurrection? **The resurrection is "standing again." It is when believers' bodies will be brought back to life.**
- #2 When we die, do we need to wait until the resurrection to go to heaven? (Luke 23:43) **No, the thief would be in heaven that day—not later. When people die, their spirit goes to heaven even though their body stays here. Other example—Stephen looking into heaven and seeing Jesus while being stoned.**
- #3 When will the resurrection occur? (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17) **The resurrection will happen when Jesus returns and will be right before the rapture. In 1 Corinthians 15:52, it happens in "the twinkling of an eye," or instantaneously.**

(1 Thessalonians 5:2) **Unknown, like a thief in the night. As no one knows when Jesus returns, no one knows when the resurrection will be.**
- #4 When the resurrection happens, what will we be like? (1 John 3:2) **When He appears, we will be like Him. We will have a glorified body, not fleshly like this one. It will be without sin and imperfections. 1 Peter 1:5 talks about it being imperishable, undefiled, and doesn't fade away.**
- #5 When we think about the resurrection, what does it do for us now? (1 John 3:3) **Causes us to purify life**

(1 Peter 1:3) **Gives us hope**
- #6 How can someone take part in the resurrection? (John 5:24-25) **People who hear Jesus' word (that the Father sent Him to save) and believe Him (believe that Jesus was sent to save). People must accept Jesus to be saved and take part in the resurrection.**

Locking It In ...

"In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"

1 Peter 1:3