



**“If death and taxes are inevitable, how come we never hear about the death of taxes?”**

# After Life

Session 2

Today's Question:

What does the Bible  
really teach about  
resurrection?

# Resurrection? Really?

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“What reason have atheists for saying that we cannot rise again? Which is the more difficult: to be born, or to rise again? That what has never been should be, or that what has been should be again?”

- Blaise Pascal  
Pensées, XXIV

“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out - those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.”

- John 5:28-29

# Resurrection in the Old Testament

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- There is no well-defined idea of the “afterlife” or “heaven & hell”
- But there is a lot of reference to resurrection.

Resurrection in the Old Testament

# God has the POWER to resurrect

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- 1 Samuel 2:6
- Psalm 71:20
- Psalm 49 (vs 12,14,15)
- Hosea 13:14
- Hebrews 11:19

Resurrection in the Old Testament

# Insights from Job

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“If a man dies, will he live again?”

- Job 14:7-15

Resurrection in the Old Testament

# Insights from Job

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“I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.  
*And after my skin has been destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I will see God;*  
I myself will see him with my own eyes-  
I, and not another.  
How my heart yearns within me!

- Job 19:25-27

# Resurrection in the Time of Christ

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~ Some believed ~

“Jesus said to her, Your brother will rise again. Martha answered, I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

John 11:23-24

# Resurrection in the Time of Christ

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~ Some didn't ~

The Sadducees  
did not believe in resurrection  
or afterlife at all.

# Resurrection in the Time of Christ

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Even some early Christians  
didn't believe!

“...how can some of you say that there  
is no resurrection of the dead?”

1 Corinthians 15:12

# The Importance of Resurrection

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If Christ wasn't raised, our faith is pointless,  
and we are to be pitied.

(1 Cor 15:12-19)

If we won't be raised, it's party time!

(1 Cor 15:32)

Jesus has power over death. It's not the end.

(Rev 1:18)

# It's happened before...

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- Widow's son (by Elijah) - 1 Kings 17
- Shunammite's son (by Elisha) - 2 Kings 4
- An Israelite man (who touched Elisha's bones) - 2 Kings 13
- Widow's son (by Jesus) - Luke 7

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**HOW ARE THESE  
DIFFERENT THAN  
JESUS' RESURRECTION?**

Resuscitation

Revival

Resurrection

# The “first fruits”

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

1 Corinthians 15:20

Jesus:

the **FIRST** one to be raised,  
and stay that way.

# Resurrection = Hope

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“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”

- John 11:25