

THE RESURRECTED BODY
LUK. 24:5.

John Masfield wrote a poetic drama entitled, "THE TRIAL OF JESUS." Near the end of that drama Pilate's wife is represented as being very much disturbed about the crucifixion of Jesus. When a Roman soldier brings the message that the stone has been rolled away from the door of the sepulchre and the tomb found empty she is greatly perplexed and excited. She asks the soldier eagerly, "Where do you think HE is??" The soldier makes this reply..."Let loose in the world lady, where neither Roman nor Jew can stop HIS truth." LET LOOSE IN THE WORLD...OH WHAT A MESSAGE FOR EASTER.

Since there is no sure death

We become much concerned about our bodies..whether or not they shall rise. To refresh our minds a bit let us glance at instances in the Bible where the dead have come back to life.

1. The son of the Shunamite woman. The boy died and there was much mourning about his body and soul being separated. Elisha was called in. He lay on the boy to impart warmth. He walked the floor to and fro to heat up his body again and he lay on the boy again. He used those natural means and was praying for God to restore life and after a while the boy sneezed seven times and life came back.
2. Eutichus was sitting in the window at church and went to sleep during the sermon. That is somewhat encouraging to us little preachers that people went to sleep in Paul's congregation. Eutichus fell from the third floor, which would be worse than falling out of these windows. He was picked up dead. Paul went down and fell upon him...no doubt having read about Elisha's experience. The boy came back to life.
3. The Widow of Nain's son. Jesus met the funeral procession. You will remember that Jesus broke up every funeral He ever met. Jesus did not have to use the natural means of lying on the corpse to impart warmth. He did not even touch the body but touched the bier and spake to the young man and the dead arose. The body and soul were separated. The soul was somewhere. It does not matter where..suffice to say that it heard this voice that has power over death. The soul came back into flesh. ④ *Jesus - raised by Peter*
4. Lazarus... A striking example. Lazarus had been dead four days and was already decaying. Jesus did not touch him but called..."Lazarus come forth," and he came forth. You know

that his soul had gone to the spirit world. All the blood was out of his body. A new body had to be formed. New blood had to be created but whatever was necessary for life to be restored was done by the only one who could do it. This gives evidence of the Divinity of Christ and that He was able to be with God in the beginning creating all that was made. This resurrection very interesting. It was interesting to Jesus for there is good evidence that Lazarus was the Rich Young Ruler who came Jesus asking Him "Good Master what must I do to inherit eternal life?" In that incident Jesus was said to have loved him Here Jesus wept and people said, "Behold how He loved him."

Here let us observe that when Jesus raised these two and also the damsel in Mark five He was still in the flesh. He had not yet experienced His Resurrection. These persons were raised to life in the flesh. Tradition says that the Widow's son lived thirty years and died at the age of sixty. All the others naturally died again.

6. Jesus..His Resurrection was different. He was sent into the dungeon of death but He had the keys within Himself..He and the other two members of the TRINITY shook off all that pertains to death and became a live for ever more.

Now the fact that He, while in the flesh, could reunite body and soul gives evidence that such can be done again... But listen...since He has shaken off all that is mortal...now not living with the limitation of the flesh upon Him He is able now to raise us into the same kind of body that he arose with. Just as surely as He arose He is able to raise us. *what kind of a body? -*

Do you need proof of His Resurrection? Then read your Bible how that He was seen for forty days after He arose...He appeared to His apostles and let them see Him.

Other proofs;;;;

- a. Every church steeple
- b. Every family altar
- c. Every hospital
- Every Christian college
- Every Hymn
- Every sermon and every revival

John was the last to see Him..On the Isle of Patmos on that beautiful morning and heard a voice behind him saying (Rev.I: 10-18)

Why should we believe in the Resurrection?

1. We want to
2. It has been proven
3. Without it there is no proof of life beyond the grave.

One grave testifies to it to day but the day will come when billions of graves will join the one yonder at Joseph's tomb saying "We are all empty for Christ has raised the dead."

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