

## The Resurrection and our Hope

*Gospel of John, Part LXXII*

John 21:1-14 with 1 Corinthians 15:35-57

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### I. John's Epilogue

Jesus really did die; He really did rise again bodily from the grave; consequently, the world and everything in it have been, are being, and will be \_\_\_\_\_. Today we explore how *the resurrection transforms our hope for life after death*. What does Jesus' resurrection mean for life after death?

### II. Jesus' Resurrection and Ours

#### A. The Hope of the Resurrection (cf. Jn 5:26-29; 6:39-40)

Jesus teaches that our hope centers in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the dead:

*26For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. 28Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. (5:26-29)*

*39“This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.” (6:39-40)*

#### B. An Indissoluble Connection (cf. Rom 8:11, 23-24, 29-30; Phil 3:20-21; 1 Jn 3:2)

The NT links *our resurrection* with *Jesus' resurrection*. Jesus' resurrection guarantees ours and His resurrection body is the \_\_\_\_\_ for our resurrection bodies (Rom 8):

*11But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you... 23Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. 24For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ... 29For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

Paul writes to the Philippians (3:20-21):

*20For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.*

And the Apostle John writes (1 John 3:2):

*2Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.*

- I. Prologue: The Identity of the Son of God (1:1-18)
- II. Jesus Proven to be the Christ & the Son of God in His Public Ministry (1:19-12:50)
- III. Jesus Proven to be the Christ & the Son of God in His Passion and Resurrection (13:1-20:31)
  - A. Introduction: He knew His hour had come (13:1)
  - B. Jesus Prepares the Disciples for His Departure (13:2-17:26)
  - C. Jesus Departs this world to the Father (18:1-20:29)
    - 1. Jesus' Arrest & Trials (18:1-19:16a)
    - 2. Jesus' Crucifixion & Burial (19:16b-42)
    - 3. Jesus' Resurrection & Appearances (20:1-29)
  - D. Conclusion: Purpose of the Gospel (20:30-31)
- IV. Epilogue: The Future Mission of the Son of God (21)

### C. The Nature of Jesus' Resurrection Body

#### 1. A Physical Body (cf. Lk 24:36-43)

*37But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. 38And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." 40When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. 41But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" 42So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. 43And He took it and ate in their presence.*

#### 2. A Glorified Body (cf. Lk 24:30-31)

Jesus' body is not just a *physical* body, it is also a \_\_\_\_\_ body. Unlike Lazarus' raised body which eventually died again, Jesus' resurrection body is *glorified*, no longer subject to decay, corruption, sickness, or death.

### III. How the Resurrection Reshapes our Hope (1 Cor 15:35-57)

#### A. The Principle: Bearing the Image of the Heavenly Man (v. 49)

#### B. The Manner: The Nature of our Resurrection Bodies (35-49)

##### 1. Analogies of the Resurrection Body (35-41)

###### a. The Seed Analogy (36-38)

Paul's seed analogy reveals that there is a *fundamental continuity* between our buried body and our resurrected body as well as a *glorious discontinuity* between them. The resurrection body shall be a physical, \_\_\_\_\_ body.

###### b. Other Analogies (39-41)

Paul's other analogies reveal that God has created a world in which some things are more glorious than others while sharing the *same essential nature*. So too with the resurrection body – it will be a \_\_\_\_\_ and yet *far more glorious*.

##### 2. The Reality of the Resurrection Body (42-45)

In verses 42-45, Paul explicitly connects these analogies with the resurrection: "*So also is the resurrection of the dead*" (42a).

#### C. The Hope: Victory over Death (50-57)

As Christians, we live *in the sure and certain* \_\_\_\_\_ *of the resurrection of the dead* (BCP).

### IV. Conclusion