

# **The Bodily Resurrection**

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- 1) What is "death"?
- 2) Who was Plato and what did he teach about the afterlife?
- 3) What is the difference between resurrection and reincarnation?
- 4) Did Jesus' flesh-and-bones body come back to life when He resurrected?
- 5) When Paul saw Jesus on the Damascus road, what did he see?

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- 6) Why couldn't the servants of Elisha find the body of Elijah?
- 7) Will Bruce Jenner be a man or a woman in the next life?
- 8) Why should you be embarrassed for David Brown and Don Tarbet?
- 9) Why will Gehenna Hell be worse than the suffering of the intermediate state?

## The Westminster Confession:

At the last day, such as are found alive shall not die, but be changed (1 Cor 15:51, 52; 1 Th 4:17): and all the dead shall be raised up, ***with the selfsame bodies and none other***, although with different qualities, which shall be united again to their souls forever (Job 19:2, 27; 1 Cor 15:42-44).

The bodies of the unjust shall, by the power of Christ, be raised to dishonour: the bodies of the just, by His Spirit, unto honour; and be made conformable to His own glorious body (John 5:28, 29; Acts 24:15; 1 Cor 15:42; Phil 3:21).

## Alexander Campbell:

Immortality, in the sacred writings, is never applied to the spirit of man. It is not the doctrine of Plato which the resurrection of Jesus proposes. ***It is the immortality of the body*** of which his resurrection is a proof and pledge. This was never developed till he became the first born from the dead, and ***in a human body entered the heavens. Jesus was not a spirit when he returned to God.*** He is not made the Head of the New Creation as a spirit, but as the Son of Man.

*Christianity Restored*, pp. 277-278.

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## One Christian:

"When I die, I want to donate my body to science. They can dissect my body, dismember it, burn it, grind it up – I don't care, because when I die I'm done with this body and will have no use for it again."

# Survey

- **12** congregations
- **274** participants

# Survey

**82%** = physical body of Jesus was raised.

**31%** = Jesus ascended in His resurrected body.

**22%** = Jesus still has His resurrected body.

**53%** = Christians' physical bodies will **NOT** be raised to life.

# Survey

**55%** = Christians will be bodiless-angelic-spirit-beings.

**59%** = It doesn't matter what we believe.

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16 And the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil. Now he must not reach out and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever." So the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden.

17 James 2:26  
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## 2000 Lectureship: Roman Catholicism (David Brown)

Don Tarbet:

We believe that the doctrine presented [by Dr. Larry West] during [a] campaign was FALSE, which amounted to the doctrine of "**Physical Immortality.**" **That in itself is a contradiction of terms,** for nothing physical can be immortal. PHYSICAL is material, which is temporary, or mortal (subject to death). ... The doctrine of "Physical Immortality" has its roots in Catholicism.

Roman Catholicism, pp. 536-537.

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<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and **death** through sin, and thus **death spread to all men**, because all sinned —

## 1 Corinthians 15

<sup>20</sup> But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

<sup>21</sup> For since by man came **death**, by Man also came the **resurrection of the dead**.

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<sup>31</sup> [David] spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that **His soul** was not left in Hades, nor did **His flesh** see corruption.

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## John 20:27

<sup>27</sup> Then [Jesus] said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

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## Romans 10:9

<sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus  
and ***believe in your heart that God has raised Him***  
***from the dead, you will be saved.***

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**Re-incarnation** – “the belief that the soul, upon death of the body, comes back to earth in another body.”

(The Free Dictionary by Farlex)

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<sup>8</sup> Then ***last of all He was seen by me also***, as by one born out of due time.

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<sup>11</sup> [Two angels said to the disciples], "***This same Jesus***, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

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False doctrine: **Gnosticism**

# 1 John

- Jesus came in the flesh (1 Jn 1:1-3).
- His fleshly body died (1 Jn 5:6-8).
- His fleshly body resurrected and ascended back into heaven (1 Jn 4:2-3).
- Anyone disagreeing with this has the spirit of Antichrist.

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**“spiritual body” = supernatural body**

## Isaiah 40:28-31

<sup>28</sup> Have you not known?

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The everlasting God, the LORD,  
The Creator of the ends of the earth,  
Neither faints nor is weary.

His understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup> ***He gives power to the weak,***

***And to those who have no might He increases strength.***

<sup>31</sup> But those who wait on the LORD

Shall ***renew their strength;***

***They shall mount up with wings like eagles,***

***They shall run and not be weary,***

***They shall walk and not faint.***

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## Passage #1

### Job 19:26-27

<sup>26</sup> And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,

That ***in my flesh I shall see God,***

<sup>27</sup> Whom I shall see for myself,

And ***my eyes*** shall behold, and not another. ...

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## Passage #2

### Isaiah 26:19 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> But your dead will live;

***their bodies will rise.***

You who dwell in the dust,  
wake up and shout for joy.

Your dew is like the dew of the morning;

***the earth will give birth to her dead.***

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## Passage #3

### Matthew 10:28

<sup>28</sup> And do not fear those who kill *the body* but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy *both soul and body* in hell.

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## Passage #4

### Matthew 27:51-53

<sup>51</sup> Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

<sup>52</sup> and ***the graves were opened***; and many ***bodies of the saints*** who had fallen asleep ***were raised***;

<sup>53</sup> and ***coming out of the graves*** after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

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## Passage #5

### Romans 8:11

<sup>11</sup> But 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.

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<sup>50</sup> Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood** [the living] cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does **corruption** [the dead] inherit incorruption.

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Ellis Crum, *Sacred Selections*, #23



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**"put on"** (ἐνδύω) – "put on, clothe one's self"  
(Thayer)

## 1 Corinthians 15:54-55

<sup>54</sup> So when **this corruptible** [the dead] has put on incorruption, and **this mortal** [the living] has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

<sup>55</sup> "**O Death** [living], where is your sting?  
**O Hades** [dead], where is your victory?"

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## Acts 26:6-8

<sup>6</sup> [Paul said] I stand and am judged for **the hope of the promise** made by God to our fathers.

<sup>7</sup> To **this promise** our twelve tribes, earnestly serving God night and day, **hope** to attain. For this **hope's** sake, King Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews.

<sup>8</sup> Why should it be thought incredible by you that **God raises the dead?**

# The “One Hope”

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## Ephesians 4:4-6

<sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in **one hope of your calling**;

<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

<sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all ...



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## 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

If the dead are not raised:

- (1) Christ did not raise [and stay raised].
- (2) Our preaching is empty.
- (3) Your faith is also empty.
- (4) We are found false witnesses of God.
- (5) You are still in your sins!
- (6) Those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.
- (7) We are of all men the most pitiable.