

Resurrection: God Saves

Question and Answer

Yeah, you ask about Jesus' resurrection body and there's all these questions: What is it like? How old will we be? Will we see one another? Will I get my bangs back? You know...questions like that. And the Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 15 that the body was sown perishable and raised imperishable and that the physical body is now also spiritually transformed. And so Jesus' physical resurrected body...there were some that didn't immediately recognize him. At the end of Luke's Gospel, he's walking on the road and talking with some people and they didn't recognize it was him. There are other people that do recognize him. There is an occasion where some believers are meeting and Jesus shows up. Some would postulate, since the door was locked, that he walked through the wall, that he may have been able then to defy the sort of laws of our cosmology. It doesn't say that clearly, but it opens up the possibility. And so there's a lot of mystery around the resurrection body. But Jesus' resurrection body would be very different from let's say Lazarus' revived body. Lazarus' revived body died again. Jesus never dies again. So, we'll have to see when we get there. My kids ask me that. When their grandpa Gib died, they're like, "How old is he? Is he going to be heavy or skinny or?" I was like, "We'll see." We'll see. Are you the age when you die? I don't know. We'll see when we get there.

Yeah so this question is the Bible has whole genealogies, historical records, legal documents. Why does it say so little about the eternal state? And my argument would be—and we'll get into it when we get into the Doctrine of Kingdom---but there's a man named Randy Alcorn who's written a book called *Heaven* and works through a lot of that. I think he does a really good job. And he's also got a version for little kids. You know, if you've got a kid, and someone they love like grandpa passes away, it helps. I would think, in fact, that the Bible reveals a lot under the category of Kingdom. So in the Old Testament, you have kings and kingdoms. They're all placesetters and precursors for the coming of King Jesus and His Kingdom. When you see priests ruling and reigning from a temple to intercede for people, that's all foreshadowing the eternal state with Jesus our great High Priest. So I would actually make the argument that the lion's share of what we find in the Scripture that is pointing to Jesus is ultimately pointing to His second coming and ultimately pointing to our resurrection. It's all driving in that direction. And then I'll get into this when I get into the lecture on Kingdom. My view of Revelation...some say it's historical from previous times, that it's current events from that day that was futuristic, so there's big debates as to Revelation. My view of Revelation is actually that it's a look at the two realms. There are scenes in heaven and scenes on earth. And so Revelation goes up to the throne of Jesus and down to the kingdoms of earth and up to peace in God's presence and down to war and pestilence on the earth. And it shows this cosmic battle. And I believe that it is God's view of reality. There are two realms but one reality for God, and He sees both simultaneously. And I think Revelation reveals that. And that's why it's the last book of the Bible, I believe it was the last book written and it's showing us from God's perspective the two realms and the war that is waged until Jesus returns and His Kingdom is established. And so that's a great question, and the resurrection 100% where you're going is totally right.

Resurrection raises the question about heaven and eternity and the Kingdom and what's next and that'll be the last lecture, so you gotta come back.