

they can no longer die, for they are like the angels

they are God's children, children of the resurrection

Jesus then “proves” the resurrection from God’s self-revelation to Moses
I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob
these patriarchs, centuries dead, were actually living!

He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive

The Resurrection of Jesus

MATTHEW 28:1-15

Jesus was certified dead & buried; the grave was sealed & guarded by Rome

No power on earth could stop the power of God at work!
an angel rolled back the stone and sat on it triumphantly

this was not to let Jesus out, but to let the disciples in

The guards were so afraid of him they shook and became like dead men

The message to these few women is, *Do not be afraid! He has risen!*
Come and see = check out the evidence for yourself

Go quickly and tell = this news is too good not to be shared

He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him

The guards reported what had happened, and the cover-up began

What This Means to Me

When they look at my body in the casket, I hope they realize I’m not there

When my body is buried, mark it TRO (Temporary Resident Only)

My greatest enemy--death--has already been defeated, so I don’t fear it
Death has been swallowed up in victory - 1 Corinthians 15:54

This news is too good to keep to myself, which is why I share it with you

WHAT JESUS BELIEVES ABOUT LIFE AFTER DEATH

INTRODUCTION

Do you believe there is life after death?

if no, why not?

if yes, on what basis?

Based on the epitaph he wrote, Ben Franklin did

I believe in it, based on the practice, teachings & resurrection of Jesus

The Practice of Jesus

Jesus raised from the dead a widow's son (Luke 7) & young girl (Luke 8)

Jesus raised his friend Lazarus after he had been dead 4 days (John 11)

The Teaching of Jesus

LUKE 20:27-40

Sadducees were conservative, aristocratic, worldly-minded Jews

rejected all the oral traditions of the Pharisees

rejected the whole idea of an after-life with rewards or punishment

They set up a ridiculous test case to "prove" the resurrection is impossible

Moses had reasons for this law, which was no longer practiced

their test case was a highly unlikely one at best

they thought impossible to answer = resurrection was impossible

Jesus' response: life to come is essentially different from this life

Jews thought it was just like this life, only new and improved

Jesus speaks here of those who will be in heaven with him

those who are considered worthy = those w faith in Jesus

of taking part in the resurrection from the dead

will neither marry nor be given in marriage