

Easter (outside the gospel)2023

April 16, 2023

I. Introduction

- A. Where I got the idea
- B. What I mean
 - 1. We normally focus on the eleven-post resurrection accounts.
- C. Our focus
 - 1. Our spiritual resurrection (Romans 6) and our physical resurrection (I Thessalonians 4:17)
- D. Good Friday is only good because Jesus is resurrected.

II. Resurrection

- A. Old Testament (A quick look)
 - 1. *"If a man dies, will he live again?"* – Job 14:14a
 - 2. Why did Jesus say to Moses *"I am the God of your father Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob."* – Exodus 3:6; Luke 20:37, 38
 - 3. Peter's Pentecost sermon quotes from Psalm 16:8-11; 89:3; 110:1
 - a. See Acts 2:22-36
 - 4. Daniel 12:2; Ezekiel 37:11-14
- B. New Testament
 - 1. Jesus spoke of His resurrection early in His earthly ministry – John 2:19-22; 5:24-29
 - 2. It was a major teaching His last year. – Matthew 16:21, 22; 17:22, 23; 20:18, 19; 26:2-4
 - 3. He made His resurrection clear to the believing thief. – Luke 23:43
 - 4. Paul hangs everything on the resurrection of Jesus in I Corinthians 15
 - 5. Jesus said to John: *When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am*

alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and Hades." – Revelation 1:17, 18

- C. Our Spiritual Resurrection – Romans 6 (This is called sanctification)
 - 1. When we were *"born again"* we experienced a spiritual resurrection. One day we will experience a physical resurrection.
 - 2. Romans 6:1-11 speaks of the fact of this resurrection.
 - 3. Romans 6:12-14 speaks of the results of this resurrection.
 - 4. Romans 6:15-23 is a warning.
 - 5. Salvation (see back page of the sermon notes)
- D. Our physical resurrection – I Thessalonians 4:17; Revelation 20
 - 1. Thus far in human history only two people other than Jesus have been physically resurrected. Enoch (Genesis 5:21-24); and Elijah (II Kings 2:11). A third possibility is Matthew 27:52, 53
 - 2. The first major resurrection of the righteous will be the rapture (I Thessalonians 4:13-18)
 - a. I think this is only New Testament saints, not Old Testament saints.
 - b. The next resurrection is found in Revelation 20:4-6
 - i. Tribulation saints
 - ii. Old Testament saints
 - iii. Millennium saints
 - iv. Unsaved of all ages

SALVATION

Salvation: (*Soteria*) 46 times in New Testament

- To rescue, deliver, safety
- To “deliver from hell” is the meaning in about 35% of these verses.

Save: (*Sozo*) 106 times in the New Testament

- To save, heal, preserve, deliver, protect
- Used in both a physical and moral sense.
- To “deliver from hell” is the meaning in about 40% of these verses.

In the spiritual realm, the word “salvation” or “save” has three stages.

Justification

- I have been saved
- Saved from sin’s penalty
- Romans 3:28
- Acts 4:2

Glorification

- I shall be saved
- Saved from sin’s presence
- Romans 6:22; 8:30
- Romans 13:11; I Peter 1:5

Sanctification

- I am being saved
- Saved from sin’s power and pollution
- Romans 6:19, 22
- I Corinthians 1:18; Philippians 2:12

It is crucial to Biblically distinguish the difference between a gift and a reward. Gifts are free and not revocable.

“...God rewards us according to our works but not because of them; God is not obligated to reward us at all. That He chooses to do this, and – that in accordance with a general correspondence to our faithfulness – is an act of pure grace, not of debt.” Joseph C. Dillon