

## Resurrection – Why Should We Be Surprised?

1 Corinthians 15:14,17

...if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith... ...if Christ has not been

Acts 26:8

Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?

### Resurrection – Foundational Characteristic of God

1 Samuel 2:6

The Lord brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and raises up.

Deuteronomy 32:39

See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life. I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.

2 Kings 5:7

As soon as the king of Israel read the letter (from Naaman, asking for healing), he tore his robes and said. “Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy?...”

Romans 4:17

As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed — the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

John 11:25,26

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies <sup>26</sup>and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

John 5:21

For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.

2 Corinthians 1:9

Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

### Elijah

1 Kings 17:17-24

<sup>17</sup>Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. <sup>18</sup>She said to Elijah, “What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?” <sup>19</sup>“Give me your son,” Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. <sup>20</sup>Then he cried out to the Lord, “Lord my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?” <sup>21</sup>Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the Lord, “Lord my God, let this boy’s life return to him!” <sup>22</sup>The Lord heard Elijah’s cry, and the boy’s life returned to him, and he lived. <sup>23</sup>Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, “Look, your son is alive!” <sup>24</sup>Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth.”

### Elisha

2 Kings 4:17-21, 32-37

<sup>17</sup>...the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her. <sup>18</sup>The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. <sup>19</sup>He said to his father, “My head! My head!” His father told a servant, “Carry him to his mother.” <sup>20</sup>After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. <sup>21</sup>She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out.

<sup>32</sup>When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. <sup>33</sup>He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the Lord. <sup>34</sup>Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy’s body grew warm. <sup>35</sup>Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. <sup>36</sup>Elisha summoned [his servant] and said, “Call the [woman].” And he did. When she came, he said, “Take your son.” <sup>37</sup>She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out.

## **Dead Elisha**

2 Kings 13:20,21

<sup>20</sup>Elisha died and was buried. Now Moabite raiders used to enter the country every Spring. <sup>21</sup>Once, while some Israelites were burying a man, suddenly they saw a band of raiders, so they threw the man's body into Elisha's tomb. When the body touched Elisha's bones, the man came to life and stood up on his feet.

## **Eutychus**

Acts 20:7-12

On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting. Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead. Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!" Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left. The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.

## **The First Followers**

Matthew 10:7,8

As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

## **Jairus' Daughter**

Luke 8:41-42, 48-56

<sup>41</sup>...a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house <sup>42</sup>because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying... <sup>49</sup> ...someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," he said. "Don't bother the teacher anymore." <sup>50</sup> Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed." <sup>51</sup> When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. <sup>52</sup> Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep." <sup>53</sup> They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. <sup>54</sup> But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" <sup>55</sup> Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. <sup>56</sup> Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

James 2:26

...the body without the spirit is dead...

## **Funeral Procession**

Luke 7:11-17

<sup>11</sup>Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. <sup>12</sup>As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out — the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup>When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry." <sup>14</sup>Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" <sup>15</sup>The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. <sup>16</sup>They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." <sup>17</sup> This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

## **Tombs Split Open**

Matthew 27:51-53

<sup>1</sup>At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, the earth shook and the rocks split. <sup>2</sup>The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. <sup>3</sup>They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

Ephesians 1:19-21

...his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms...