

RESURRECTION BODY

THE RESURRECTION

- each member of the godhead participated in raising Jesus from the dead:

the Father (Acts 2:24, 32; 10:40; 13:30; Rom 6:4; Eph 1:20), Son (John 2:19; 10:17-18), and Holy Spirit (Rom 8:11)

- Jesus appeared repeatedly for 40 days (Acts 1:3) to more than 500 people (1 Cor 15:6) on 12 occasions (to Mary Magdalene, John 20:11-17; to the other Mary and Salome, Matt 28:9-10; to Peter, Luke 24:34;

to the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-32; to the 10 apostles, Luke 24:33-49; to Thomas and the other 10 apostles, John 20:26-30; to the seven apostles, John 21:1-25; to all the apostles in Galilee, Matt 28:16-20; to 500 brethren, 1 Cor 15:6; to James, 1 Cor 15:7; to the 11 apostles before his ascension, Acts 1:4-9; to the Apostle Paul, 1 Cor 15:8)

JESUS' RESURRECTION BODY

- the resurrection body is the old body changed or transformed (*allasso*) rather than a new body created (cf. 1 Cor 15:51-52)
 - his resurrection body could be seen by the naked eye (John 20:20b)
 - he was not immediately recognized by his disciples (Luke 24:13-31; 36-39; John 20:14-16)
 - his resurrection body could be touched (Matt 28:9; Luke 24:39; John 20:17, 27-28)
 - his resurrection body was composed of flesh and bone (Luke 24:39-40)
 - his resurrection body retains the scars in his hands, feet, and side (Luke 24:39; John 20:20, 24-29; Rev 5:6)
 - angels apparently brought him clothes to wear since the soldiers cast lots for his clothes (Matt 27:35; John 19:23-24)
 - his resurrection body was able to breathe (John 20:22)
 - he walks (Luke 24:15, 28-29), lies down (Luke 24:30), breaks bread and prays (Luke 24:30) in his resurrection body
 - his voice may sound the same (John 20:15-16)
 - he was able to eat and drink (Luke 24:30; John 21:12-13; Acts 10:41) but his resurrection body does not need food and water (1 Cor 6:13): he intentionally ate food in the upper room to prove to his disciples that he was not a spirit (Luke 24:41-43)
 - his resurrection body was not limited by distance or physical barriers:
- he was able to appear and disappear at will (Luke 24:31, 36) and he entered locked rooms without difficulty (John 20:19, 26)
 - his resurrection body does not require rest: there is no mention of Jesus being weary or sleeping after His resurrection
 - his resurrection body is immortal (Rom 6:9; Rev 1:18);
- people who were resuscitated still had mortal bodies and died again (Luke 7:11-15; 8:49-56; John 11:43-44)
 - his resurrection body was not glorified during his forty day post-resurrection ministry, but after his ascension into heaven Jesus always appears in his glory (Acts 9:3-6; Rev 1:12-20)

OUR RESURRECTION BODIES

- we will all receive resurrection bodies at the rapture (1 Cor 15:51-52; 1 Thess 4:15-17)
- our earthly body is compared to a "tent...torn down" and our resurrection body to "a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens....longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven" (2 Cor 5:1-4)
 - the change (*allasso*) will be instantaneous—"in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye" (1 Cor 15:51-52)
 - our resurrection bodies will be just like Christ's (Phil 3:20-21; 1 John 3:2)
- our resurrection bodies will be immortal (1 Cor 15:42, 53-54), powerful (1 Cor 15:43), and glorious (1 Cor 15:43; Phil 3:20-21)
 - we will rule with Christ (Rev 2:26-27; 3:21) and judge the world (1 Cor 6:2-3) in resurrection bodies during the Millennium