



MIRACLE #7: THE RAISING LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD **"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE!"**

Introduction:

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Scriptures:

PSALMS 90:9-12

LUKE 4:14-30

JOHN 1:19-36

JOHN 11:1-57

JOHN 12:1-19

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you believe Jesus is waiting to die in order to show his Resurrecting Power in your life?
2. What is embarrassing and stinky that Jesus is waiting on you to disclose to move forward?
3. What areas of your life that you are in desperate need of God's perspective the most to help you see your sickness differently?
4. Have you taken ownership of your time in order to apply your heart to Wisdom?
5. Where in your faith are you most challenged to ask God help in?
6. How is the fact the Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life effect your relationship with Him?

Moving Forward:

- **MOVE PAST EMBARRASSMENT AND ROLL YOUR STONE AWAY!**

Changing Your Mind:

Jesus said to her, "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (**JOHN 11:1-44, NKJV**)

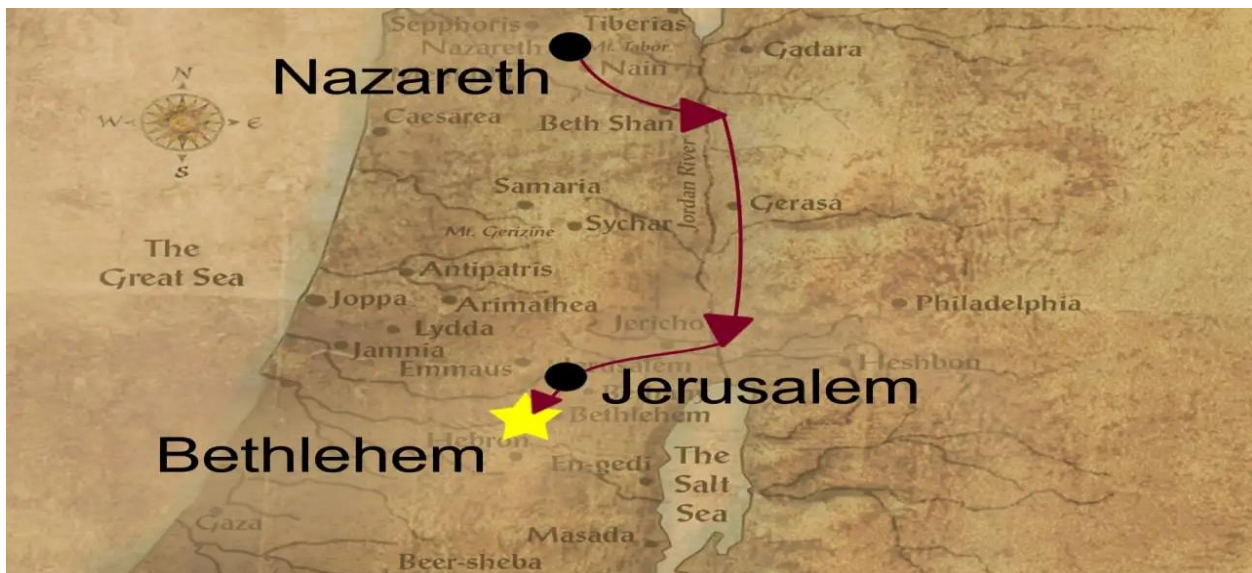


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REVIEW OF THE SEVEN MIRACLES



- Jerusalem is 64 miles away from Nazareth (Like Ashburn is 68 miles from Baltimore).
- Jerusalem is 6 miles away from Bethlehem (Like Ashburn is 8 miles from Leesburg).



- Jerusalem is 2,474 ft above sea level.
- Jerusalem is 236 ft lower than Mt. Olives
- Jerusalem is 15 miles away from Jericho (Like Ashburn is 12 miles away from Chantilly).
- Jerusalem is 3,320 ft higher than Jericho (Like the height of Old Rage Mt or of Hogback Mt).



- Jerusalem is 85 miles away from Capernaum (Like Ashburn is 81 miles away from Madison).





1. **BETHABARA (BETHANY) OF PEREA**- Jesus got baptized to start His public ministry by John the Baptist. This city is across the Jordan east of Jericho and it is 846 ft below sea level.
2. **CANA OF GALILEE**- Jesus turned water to wine for a wedding encouraged by His mother, Mary for [Miracle #1](#). This city is 151 ft above sea level.
3. **JERUSALEM OF JUDEA**- Jesus cleansed the Temple and taught Rabbi Nicodemus on how to be Born Again. This city is 2,474 ft above sea level.
4. **AENON OF DECAPOLIS**- John the Baptist moved the base for his baptisms from Bethabara (Bethany) of Perea. However, Jesus made and baptized more Disciples in Judea than even John the Baptist (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His Disciples).
5. **SYCHAR OF SAMARIA**- Jesus left Judea in route to Galilee to avoid confusion between His baptism and John's. However, He took the road less traveled by the Jews and ministered to the Woman at the Well and her fellow Samaritans. This city is 3,094 ft above sea level.
6. **CANA OF GALILEE**- Jesus spoke to a nobleman about his son being sick 16 miles away in Capernaum of Galilee. Jesus sent His Word only, the father believed and the son was healed for [Miracle #2](#).
7. **JERUSALEM OF JUDEA**- Jesus went to the Feast of Purim and healed a paralyzed man at the pool of Bethesda for [Miracle #3](#). Jesus contended with the Elders of this city because He healed that man on the Sabbath and because of His self-proclaimed identity.
8. **BETHSAIDA OF GALILEE**- Jesus fed five thousand men plus their wives and children for [Miracle #4](#). The 12 Apostles collected 12 baskets of leftovers. This city is 692 ft below sea level.
9. **THE SEA OF GALILEE**- Jesus walked on water to save His Apostles from the storms for [Miracle #5](#). This sea is 692 ft below sea level.

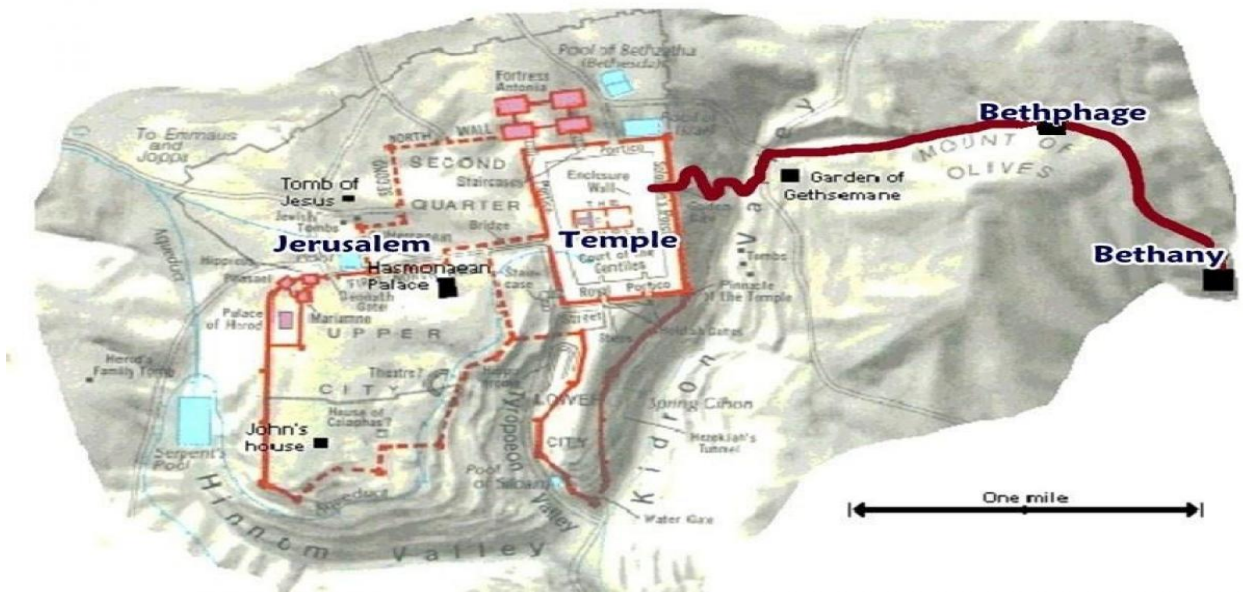


10. **CAPERNAUM OF GALILEE**- Jesus lost His Galilean support when He revealed that He was the true Bread of Heaven that came down from the Father. This city is 682 ft below sea level.
11. **JERUSALEM OF JUDEA**- Jesus attended the Feast of Tabernacles and contended for His identity and purpose. The Elders moved to stone Him, but He escaped right in their midst. Along this way, He healed a man that was born blind for [Miracle #6](#). When Jesus confessed that He was the Son of God, the Jews picked up stones again to kill Him.
12. **BETHABARA (BETHANY) OF PEREA**- Jesus escaped to the original place of His baptism and public ministry. The people were much more responsive to His message than the people in Jerusalem. This where Jesus received word of Lazarus' sickness in Bethany of Judea.
13. **BETHANY OF JUDEA**- Jesus raised Lazarus up from the dead who got sick, died and was buried in a tomb for four days for [Miracle #7](#). This stirred the Elders in Jerusalem of Judea to kill Him. This city is 2,350 ft above sea level.
14. **EPHRAIM OF JUDEA**- Jesus moved His base of operation to the countryside to avoid being seen publicly to be arrested and killed before His time.
15. **JERUSALEM OF JUDEA**- Six Days before the Feast of Passover, Jesus arrived for dinner at Simon the Leper's house with Lazarus, Mary and Martha. Mary anointed Him with very expensive perfume for his burial at the protest of Judas Iscariot. Five days before the Feast of Passover, Jesus triumphantly left Bethany of Judea on a young donkey's colt to the praise and delight of the people and the fulfillment of Zechariah's prophecy of Israel's King.

THE TEXT FOR TODAY



11 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.² It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.



³ Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."⁴ When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.⁶ So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was.⁷ Then after this He said to the Disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."⁸ The Disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again?"⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.¹⁰ But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."



¹¹ These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up." ¹² Then His Disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well." ¹³ However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless, let us go to him." ¹⁶ Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow Disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him."

¹⁷ So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹ And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. ²⁰ Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹ Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the Resurrection at the Last Day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

²⁸ And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." ²⁹ As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him. ³¹ Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there."



³² Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. ³⁴ And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" ³⁷ And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?"



³⁸ Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it: ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the Glory of God?" ⁴¹ Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴² And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." ⁴³ Now when He



had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" ⁴⁴ And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go." (JOHN 11:1-44, NKJV)

¹² Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead . . . ⁹ Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ But the Chief Priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, ¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

¹² The next day a great multitude that had come to the Feast (of Passover), when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ¹³ took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!' The King of Israel!"

¹⁴ Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt." ¹⁶ His Disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. ¹⁷ Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. ¹⁸ For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. ¹⁹ The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!" (JOHN 12:9-19, NKJV)



BETHANY OF JUDEA

- The name *Bethany* is translated by some to mean "House of Dates," as there are many fig trees and palms in the area. It was a village in Judea about two miles east of Jerusalem ([JOHN 11:18](#)), a distance considered a "Sabbath day's journey" ([ACTS 1:12](#)). It was situated on the well-traveled road to Jericho. Some scholars think it was more like a modern subdivision or a neighborhood rather than an entire town. Its edges reached to the [Mount of Olives](#) and also bordered Bethphage, a suburb of Jerusalem. It is probably best known for being the hometown of Jesus' good friends, Mary, Martha, [Lazarus](#) and [Simon the Leper](#). It was also the place where Jesus stayed overnight during His final week of earthly ministry, between His [triumphal entry](#) and His crucifixion ([MATTHEW 21:17](#)).



- Bethany is also significant as the place near which Christ ascended back into heaven. Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus gathered His eleven disciples to give them final instructions before He left the earth ([LUKE 24:50–51](#)). He took them to the Mount of Olives, in “the vicinity of Bethany” (verse 50), where He blessed them and commissioned them. The Lord was then lifted up into the clouds ([ACTS 1:9](#)). As the Disciples stood staring upwards, two Angels appeared to them and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into Heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into Heaven” ([ACTS 1:11](#)). Bethany has an exciting future prophesied. [ZECHARIAH 14:4](#) says, “On that day His feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east.” When Jesus returns to set up His Kingdom, it will be to the very place He left: the Mount of Olives near Bethany. Though the ancient town of Bethany may have been small and seemingly insignificant, it will be the scene of a world-changing event: the glorious return of Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords ([REVELATION 19:11–16](#)).



BETHABARA (BETHANY) OF PEREA

- Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹ And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²² Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" ²³ He said: "I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said." ²⁴ Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. ²⁵ And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶ John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. ²⁷ It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose." ²⁸ These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. ²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the



world! ³⁰This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' ³¹I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water." ³²And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. ³³I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God." ³⁵Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. ³⁶And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" ([JOHN 1:19-36, NKJV](#)).

- [John's](#) baptizing ministry is certainly a significant focus toward the beginning of each of the four gospels. The Gospel of John is the only gospel that specifies a location for where John was baptizing at the time of [Jesus' baptism](#). Many of the earliest manuscripts identify the location as "Bethany beyond the Jordan" ([John 1:28](#)). Other manuscripts have the place as "Bethabara." The detail "beyond the Jordan" most likely refers to the area east of the Jordan River, which would have been opposite the location of the majority of John's ministry. The difficulty then with identifying "Bethany beyond the Jordan" is that there aren't any known locations on the east side of the Jordan named Bethany. An early church father named Origen noted this and suggested that the place of Jesus' baptism was actually called Bethabara ("House of the Ford"), which some English translations, such as the KJV and NKJV, continue to use today. This place may be the same as the ford mentioned in [Judges 7:24](#).



- Whether *Bethany* or *Bethabara* is the proper name of the location, *beyond the Jordan* may have significance. As the nation of Israel was located west of the Jordan, to perform baptisms on the other side of the Jordan may foreshadow a significant ministry to the Gentiles. This ministry can be seen throughout the gospels (cf. [Matthew 8:28–34](#); [John 4:7–38](#)). The main event that makes John's ministry of baptism at Bethabara or Bethany significant is Jesus' baptism. John was a prophet of God who was meant to prepare the way for the coming [Messiah](#) ([Isaiah 40:3–5](#); [John 1:23](#)). A major part of this ministry was preaching repentance, preparing the minds of the people to meet the Messiah ([John 1:31](#)).

In [Matthew 3:13–17](#), the events surrounding Jesus' baptism are recorded. John tries to refuse to baptize Jesus, as John understood the significance of Jesus' identity. Jesus, John argued, should baptize him. However, Jesus responds by stating the reason for the baptism; namely, to fulfill all righteousness ([Matthew 3:15](#)). In [John 1:31](#), we are told that John was baptizing by water to make manifest, or reveal, Jesus as the Son of God. John then confirms this took place when the Spirit descended like a dove and alighted on Jesus. The place called Bethabara, or Bethany, is where Jesus was revealed to Israel as the Son of God, the long-awaited Messiah. John's ministry, prophesied in Isaiah and Malachi, was being fulfilled.



10 PEOPLE RAISED FROM THE DEAD

[Widow of Zarephath's Son](#)



During a time of great drought, the prophet Elijah the Tishbite had been lodging at the house of a widow in Zarephath, a pagan city in Phoenicia. Unexpectedly, the woman's son grew sick and finally stopped breathing. She accused Elijah of bringing God's wrath on her for her [sin](#). Carrying the boy to the upper room where he was staying, Elijah laid him on the bed and stretched himself out on the body three times. He cried out to God for the boy's life to return. God heard Elijah's [prayers](#). The child's life did come back, and Elijah carried him downstairs. The woman declared the prophet a man of God and his words to be the truth. By performing this miracle in Phoenicia, God showed that he is the Lord of all nations and that Baal is a false God.

- Bible Reference: [1 King 17:17-24](#)



[Shunammite Woman's Son](#)



[Elisha](#), the prophet after Elijah, stayed in the upper room of a wealthy couple in Shunem. He prayed for the woman to bear a son, and God answered. Several years later, the boy complained of a pain in his head and then died. The woman raced to Mount Carmel to Elisha, who sent his servant ahead, but the boy did not respond. Finally, Elisha went to see the dead boy. He cried out to the Lord and laid himself on the dead body, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. The boy's body grew warm, then he sneezed [seven times \(indicating a perfect work of God\)](#) and opened his eyes. When Elisha presented the boy back to his mother, she fell and bowed to the ground in worship. Then she picked up her son and left the room rejoicing with gratitude for what God had done for her.

- Bible Reference: [2 Kings 4:18-37](#)



Israelite Man



After Elisha the prophet died, he was buried in a cave or tomb. Moabite raiders attacked Israel every spring, one time interrupting a funeral. Fearing for their own lives, the burial party quickly threw the body into the first convenient place, Elisha's tomb. As soon as the body touched Elisha's bones, the dead man came to life and stood up on his feet. Evidently the men who tossed the body in Elisha's tomb observed the man raised from the dead and spread the story far and wide. This miracle was a foreshadowing of how [Christ's death](#) and resurrection turned the grave into the passageway to new life.

- Bible Reference: [2 Kings 13:20-21](#)



Widow of Nain's Son



Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

At the town gate of the village of Nain, Jesus and his disciples encountered a funeral procession. The only son of a widow was to be buried. When Jesus saw her, his heart went out to her. He touched the bier that held the body. The bearers stopped. When Jesus told the young man to get up, the son sat up and began talking. Jesus gave him back to his mother. All the people were astounded. Praising God, they said, "A great prophet has appeared among us. God has come to help his people." The crowds recognized Jesus to be a prophet similar to Elijah and Elisha.

- Bible Reference: [Luke 7:11-17](#)



Jairus' Daughter



When Jesus was in Capernaum, Jairus, a leader in the synagogue, begged him to heal his 12-year-old daughter because she was dying. On the way, a messenger said not to bother because the girl had died. But Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; only believe, and your daughter will be healed." Jesus arrived at the house to find mourners wailing outside. When he said she was not dead but sleeping, they laughed at him. Jesus went in, took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up." Her spirit returned and she raised up to life again. Jesus ordered her parents to give her something to eat but not to tell anyone what had happened. By this time in his early ministry, the Lord had demonstrated his total authority over nature, demonic powers, disease, and even death. Every force of life was driven to bow at His feet.

- Bible Reference: [Luke 8:49-56](#)



[Lazarus](#)



Three of Jesus' closest friends were [Martha, Mary](#), and their brother [Lazarus](#) of Bethany. Oddly, when Jesus was told Lazarus was sick, Jesus stayed two more days where he was. When he left, Jesus said plainly Lazarus had died. By the time they arrived in Bethany, Lazarus had been in the tomb four days. Martha met them outside the village, where Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again. I am the resurrection and the life." They approached the tomb, where Jesus wept. Although Lazarus had been dead many days, Jesus ordered the stone rolled away, saying, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" Raising his eyes to heaven, he prayed aloud to his Father. Then he commanded Lazarus to come out. The man who had been dead walked out, wrapped in burial cloths.

- Bible Reference: [John 11:1-44](#)



[Jesus Christ](#)



Several men [conspired to murder Jesus Christ](#). After a mock trial, he was scourged and taken to Golgotha hill outside Jerusalem, where [Roman soldiers nailed him to a cross](#). But it was all part of [God's plan of salvation](#) for humanity.

After Jesus died Friday, his lifeless body was put in the tomb of [Joseph of Arimathea](#), where a seal was attached. Soldiers guarded the place. Sunday morning, the stone was found rolled away. The tomb was empty. [Angels](#) said Jesus raised from the dead. He appeared first to [Mary Magdalene](#), then to his [apostles](#), then to many others around the city.

- Bible References: Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-49; John 20:1-21:25



Saints in Jerusalem

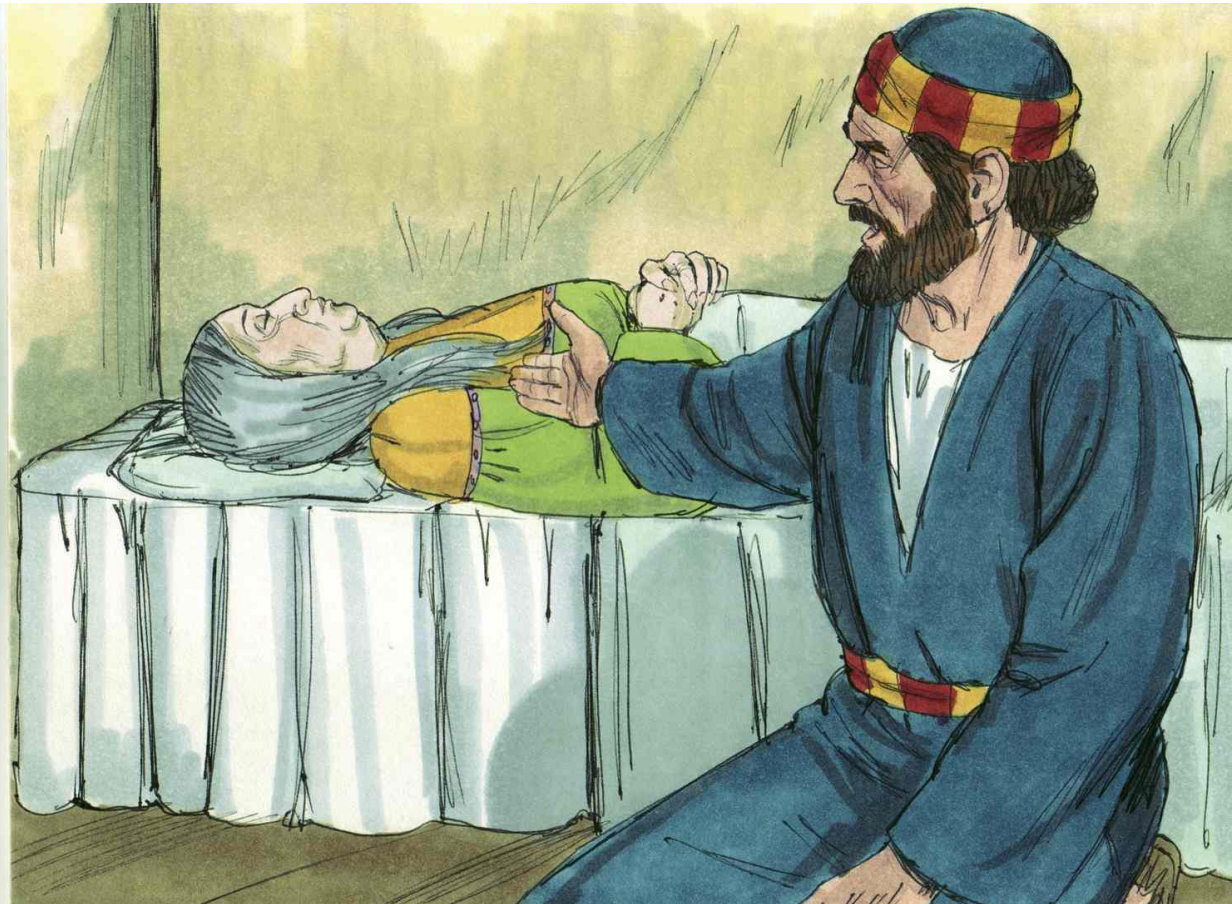


Jesus Christ died on the cross. An earthquake struck, breaking open many graves and tombs in Jerusalem. After Jesus' resurrection from the dead, godly people who had died earlier were raised to life and appeared to many in the city. [Matthew](#) is vague in [his gospel](#) about how many rose and what happened to them afterward. Bible scholars think this was another sign of the great resurrection to come.

- Bible Reference: [Matthew 27:50-54](#)



[Tabitha or Dorcas](#)



Everyone in the city of Joppa loved Tabitha. She was always doing good, helping the poor, and making garments for others. One day Tabitha (named Dorcas in Greek) grew sick and died. Women washed her body then placed it in an upstairs room. They sent for the apostle Peter, who was in nearby Lydda. Clearing everyone from the room, Peter fell to his knees and prayed. He said to her, "Tabitha, get up." She sat up and Peter gave her to her friends alive. News spread like wildfire. Many people believed in Jesus because of it.

- Bible Reference: [Acts 9:36-42](#)



Eutychus



It was a packed third story room in Troas. The hour was late, many oil lamps made the quarters warm, and the apostle Paul spoke on and on. Sitting on a windowsill, the young man Eutychus dozed off, falling out of the window to his death. Paul rushed outside and threw himself on the lifeless body. Immediately Eutychus came back to life. Paul went back upstairs, broke bread, and ate. The people, relieved, took Eutychus home alive.

- Bible Reference: [Acts 20:7-12](#)



THE GREAT FIRST RESURRECTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ received the Secrets of the Book of Revelation from our Great Father while sitting on our Father's right hand in Heaven at around 95 A.D. (over 60 years after the Great Ascending into Heaven). He then gave it to His Angel, who then gave it to the Apostle John, who then gave it to the Seven Churches in Asia Minor (REVELATION 1:1-3). However, before these Secrets were revealed, the Jews already had a rudimentary understanding that there would be the Great Day of Judgment. More specifically, they also knew that it would include the Great Resurrection from the Dead which would separate Mankind into two groups: Everlasting Life for the Just and Everlasting Wrath for the Unjust (ISAIAH 26:19, DANIEL 12:1-3, JOHN 5:28-29 & 11:17-27).

This Everlasting Life was the Hope our Father gave first to the Jews to pursue and for them to evangelize the rest of the World (ISAIAH 40:9-11, 42:5-7, ACTS 24:5-9, 26:14-21 & HEBREWS 11:35). This evangelism directed Apostle Paul's ministry to the Gentiles on Mars Hill. He did not preach the Hope of this Eternal Life until after they clearly understood the distinction between the Creator and the Creation and consequently their sins of idolatry against Him. Apostle Paul then warned that this same Creator had appointed the Great Day of Judgment to be executed by our Lord Jesus Christ and that all men would be resurrected from the dead to give an account for their lives. Our Great Father gave to Mankind an assurance of this event by resurrecting His Son from the dead. Mankind should respond in repentance from their idolatry and in pursuit of the Great Kingdom of God offered to them by our Lord Jesus Christ (MATTHEW 6:25-35 & ACTS 17:17-31).

Notice, Apostle Paul did not win a lot of disciples on Mars Hill because many were not persuaded that the Great Resurrection from the Dead was true (ACTS 17:32-34). This may be the reason why he would stay for longer periods of time with the Gentile congregations because he had to



patiently build their faith upon this new Doctrine ([ACTS 18:1-9](#)). Later in the Church of Corinth, he also had to confront the Leaven of the Sadducees which believed there was no Great Resurrection from the Dead that was heavily influenced by Greek Plutonic Eschatology ([I CORINTHIANS 15:1-18](#))!

So, there was a clear understanding among the Jews that there would be the Great Day of Judgment that included the Great Resurrection from the Dead which would place Mankind into one of two groups. Even John the Baptist ([MATTHEW 3:11-12](#)), Jesus Christ ([MATTHEW 13:36-43](#)), Apostle Peter ([II PETER 3:1-14](#)) and Apostle Paul ([ROMANS 2:1-16](#)) assumed, preached, taught or wrote that both the Just and the Unjust would be resurrected to receive their rewards on that "same day" when the Great Day of Judgment appeared. The Just would be rewarded with Eternal Life and the Unjust would be rewarded with Eternal Wrath ([I THESSALONIANS 5:1-10](#))!

The Book of Revelation, however, added new insights that paints the complete picture for this Resurrection Doctrine. The Great Day of Judgment would be broken up into three phases: the Great First Resurrection; the Great Millennium and then the Great Second Resurrection ([REVELATION 20:5-7](#))! With the installation of the Great Millennium to break-up the Great Resurrection from the Dead, the Mission of our Lord Jesus Christ as the Judge would have to be extended to accommodate these new additions from a "single day" to "one thousand years". Thus, the two Great Resurrections would be bookends for the Great Judgment Seat of Christ ([II CORINTHIANS 5:1-11](#)). They should be understood as component parts of His Mission to defeat the last enemy of Adam's sin which is Death ([I CORINTHIANS 15:19-28](#)). Death can only be defeated by these two Great Resurrections into Eternity; either into Eternal Life or into Eternal Wrath ([I CORINTHIANS 15:50-57](#))!



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