

# I Believe

**He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead**

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**Scripture:** Matthew 27:57-28:10

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## Notes:

Open-handed vs Closed-handed theology

- Open-handed theology — doctrines or convictions that are either not explicit or essential to true faith in Christ
- Close-handed theology — doctrines or convictions that are unchangeable teachings that all Christians should hold to be true

Hell in the Bible

- Gehenna — 14x in NT — the place of eternal punishment for the dead, torment
- Sheol — 65x in OT — wasteland, void, underworld; the place where the dead reside.
- Hades — 9x in NT — a place of the dead, including both righteous and wicked.

Where did Jesus go after His death?

- Psalm 49:15, 86:13, 89:48, Luke 23:43, Luke 16, Acts 2:24-27, Ephesians 4:8-10, 1 Peter 3:19

Where do people today go after they die?

- Hades (wicked, unbelievers)
- “Heaven” (believers)
- The presence of the One makes all the difference.

## The Resurrection Recorded

- The Events
- The Characters
- The Instructions
- The Promise
- The Response
- The Fulfillment

## The Resurrection Denied

- “Tell people His disciples came and stole the body!”
- Matthew 28:15, “...this story has been spread among the Jews to this day”
- Deniers abound...

## The Resurrection Affirmed

- Jesus appeared
- Disciples changed
- Major conversions
- No body was ever produced
- Historical Record

Jesus Christ experienced a literal, physical bodily death AND a literal, physical bodily resurrection from the dead. So, What???

- We have hope in Death
- Because death is not the end
- We have hope in Resurrection
- Because resurrection is just the beginning

## THIS WEEK...

- Memorize the Creed
- Celebrate Victory
- Worship Him
- Spread the News

## Recommended Reading

- *Heaven* by Randy Alcorn
- *Erasing Hell* by Francis Chan
- [Christ's Descent to the Dead](#) by Matt Emerson
- [Why \(and How\) to Preach Christ's Descent to the Dead](#) by Matt Emerson
- [Did Jesus go to hell between His death and resurrection?](#)
- [Did Christ Ever Descend to Hell?](#) By John Piper
- [He Descended into Hell?](#) By Joe Rigney