**TWO WAYS TO LIVE**

Part 6: Box 5: The Resurrection of Jesus

**INTRODUCTION**

**WHY IT MATTERS**

*Mark 1:15: “Behold the time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand”. (ESV)*

Jesus’ work =

* The establishment of the Kingdom of God
* In fulfilment of the OT
* By means of his death and resurrection

*Acts 4:2 They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.*

**THE MAIN IDEAS**

**1. The Fact of the Resurrection**

Claim  
   
*1 Corinthians 15:3   For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.*

*Acts 17:31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.”*

Expectations   
“As far as the ancient pagan world was concerned, the road to the underworld ran only one way. Death was all powerful. Everybody knew there was in fact no answer to death.”   
*N. T. Wright*

*Daniel 12: 2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.*

*John 11:23  Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” 24 Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”*

“When the early Christians said that Jesus has risen from the dead they knew that they were saying that something had happened to him which had happened to nobody else, and which nobody expected to happen.” *N. T. Wright*

Sources

Evidence

*Explicit*

*Implicit*

**2. The Meaning of the Resurrection**

*Luke 16:27 “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father’s house, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’29   “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’30 “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ 31 “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”*

The day of the Lord

* *Exile ends (Psalm 126)*
* *Creation renewed (Isaiah 65)*
* *Davidic King is re-instated (Psalm 2)*
* *Gentiles come into the kingdom (Isaiah 2)  
  Spirit poured out (Joel 2)*

Old Age/World History

New Age/Kingdom of God

The End/Day of the Lord

The beginning of the reign of Christ

*Acts 2:33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.*

*Acts 5:31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel.*

*Mat 28: 18 Then [the risen] Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations…*

The beginning of the new creation

*John 11:25   Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies…*

*2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, new creation! the old has gone, the new has come!*

The firstfruits of our own resurrection

*1 Cor 15: 20   But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.*

**CONCLUSION**