

THE RESURRECTION AND COMMUNITY



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WHAT IS THE ULTIMATE EVENT?

**THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS IS THE
MOST IMPORTANT EVENT IN HUMAN HISTORY**



Mark 14:60-64: The Trial

Then the high priest stood up before the others and asked Jesus, "Well, aren't you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?"

Jesus made no reply. Then the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the blessed God?" Jesus said, "I am, and you will see me, the Son of Man, sitting at God's right hand in the place of power and coming back on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, "Why do we need other witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?"

They all condemned him as deserving to die

Blasphemy in Judaism

Impious utterance or action concerning God or sacred things. An act of cursing or reviling God. The crime of assuming to oneself the rights or qualities of God. Irreverent behavior toward anything held sacred, priceless, etc.

“The Jews answered Him, saying, ‘For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a man, make Yourself God’.”

(John 10:33)

And Yeshua seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." But there were some of the scribes sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?"

(Mark 2)

“SON OF MAN”

- ✓ Found about 200 times in bible - 82 times in 4 gospels
- ✓ Often it refers to an ordinary man – no special significance
- ✓ Sometimes it refers to a prophet (Ezekiel)

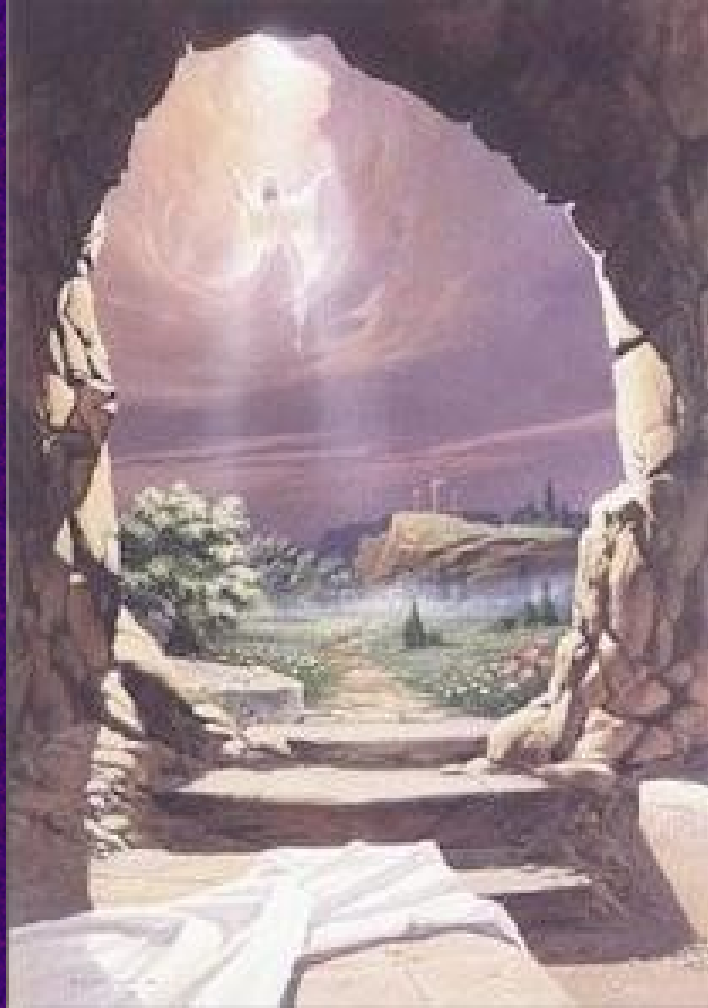
Jesus’s favorite title - used more than any other messianic title throughout His ministry

Daniel 7:13,14:

“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the ancient of days and was led into His presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; All peoples, nations and men of every language worshipped Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”

What is the ROLE of the SON OF MAN?

- **HE WAS TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY (MATTHEW 20:28)**
- **HE HAS POWER TO FORGIVE SINS (MATTHEW 9:6)**
- **HE IS LORD OF THE SABBATH (MATTHEW 12:8)**
- **HE WAS TO DIE AND BE RAISED FROM THE DEAD (MATTHEW 17:9,22,23;20:18,19;26:2; MARK 8:31;9:31;10:33,34; LUKE 9:22;18:31-33)**



*Jesus said the
sign that would
CONFIRM HIS
MESSIAHSHIP*

*would be His
resurrection*

(Matt 12 : 38 - 40)

Deuteronomy 21:22-23:

“If a person commits a sin punishable by death and is executed, and you hang the corpse on a tree, his body must not remain all night on the tree; instead you must make certain you bury him that same day, for the one who is left exposed on a tree is cursed by God. You must not defile your land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance”

The social stigma and disgrace associated with crucifixion in the ancient world can hardly be overstated.

Apostolic preaching:
Of all the things Jesus taught His disciples
Love (Matt 22:36-37), Non-retaliation
(Matt 5), and Kingdom of God (Matt 13).
The dominant theme of apostolic preaching was

RESURRECTION

- 1. Peter's first sermon (Acts 2:22-40)**
- 2. Peter's sermon at temple (Acts 3:14,26)**
- 3. Resurrection was the context of Peter's message before Sanhedrin (Acts 4:10)**
- 4. Acts 23:6-7 "I am on trial concerning the hope of the Resurrection of the Dead"**

Are the Events Recorded Accurately?

*“God has raised this Jesus to life, and **we are all witnesses** of the fact” (Acts 2:32).*

*“Peter and John replied.... For we cannot help speaking about what **we have seen and heard**” (Acts 4:19-20).*

*“**We are witnesses of everything he did** in the country of the Jews and Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and **caused him to be seen**” (Acts 10:39-40).*

1 Corinthians 15:51:

Paul says, “*We shall all be changed.*” Paul is indicating that the resurrected body is the transformation of the existing body into a new mode of physicality.
(Contrast with 1 Corinthians 15:42-44)

Earthly body

Mortal
Dishonorable
Weak
Physical

Resurrection body

Immortal
Glorious
Powerful
Spiritual

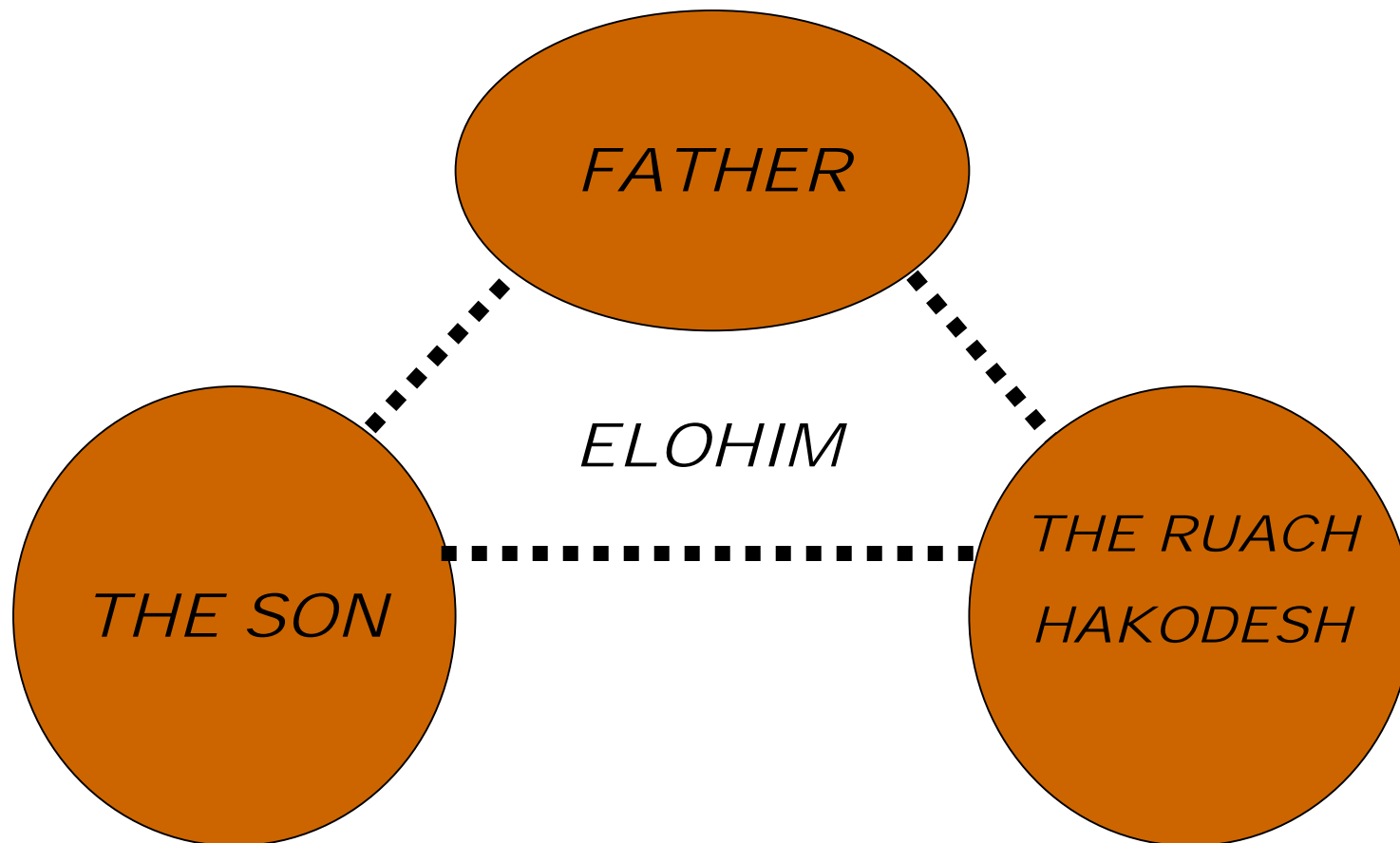
IMPORTANCE OF THE MESSIAH'S RESURRECTION

**Without the resurrection,
there would be no New Covenant**

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”(Jeremiah 31:31-33)

GOD IS TRIUNE – ONENESS AND FELLOWSHIP

We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three
Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Ruach HaKodesh).

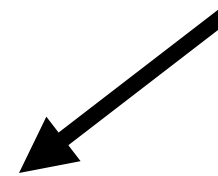
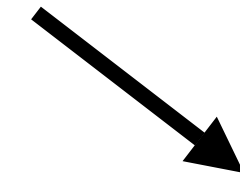


JESUS' ATONEMENT- ALLOWED FOR A COMMUNITY OF ONENESS:

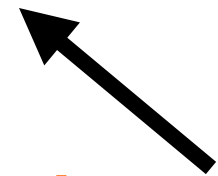
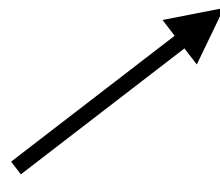
“ I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.” (John 17:20-23)

1 *CARNALITY* Galatians 5:19
(Immaturity)

3 *HEALING*
(Involves Repentance)



**Community Of Oneness:
One New Man
(John 17: 20-23) (Ephesians 2:15)**



2 *THE ENEMY*
Ephesians 6
- Are we ignorant?

4 *DISCIPLESHIP*
(Being Teachable)

CARNALITY

Galatians 5:19

(IMMATURITY)

Paul only commands us to “walk in the Spirit.” He does not give us a formula – this cannot be manufactured

Walking in the spirit is dependency on God

This happens through intimacy with God

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THE ENEMY

Ephesians 6

Spiritual weapons are needed because of the fallen angelic forces who are resisting the Saints.

We tend to either over emphasize or under emphasize the enemy

The enemy seeks to divide and destroy.

Do we pray for each other regularly?

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HEALING/REPENTANCE

Do we view confession and repentance as the same thing?

Do we live in denial?

We need to allow God to heal us and this involves our cooperation!

“The OT Judaism God is the one who heals all of Israel’s diseases. Yeshua in effect takes God’s place as the healer of Israel.” (Howard Kee)

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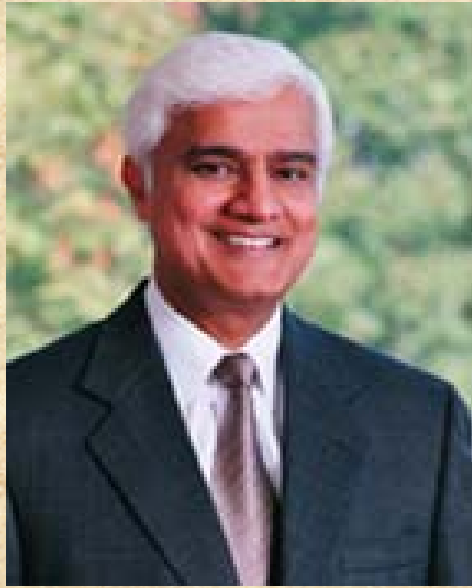
DISCIPLESHIP

CAN WE CHANGE WITHOUT DISCIPLESHIP?

ARE WE TEACHABLE?

ARE WE READY TO DISCIPLE SOMEONE?

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“If the message that we have lays claim to a supernatural regeneration, then why is it that we do not see that regeneration more often? No other religion claims a supernatural regeneration. They may claim ethics and morality. Hinduism does. But we

are the only ones who claim a new birth. Born of the Holy Spirit, our hungers have changed, our disciplines have changed, our behavior has changed. If it is a supernaturally engendered thing, why do we not see it more often?”

- Ravi Zacharias

(<http://rzim.org/resources/jttran.php?seqid=106>)

In closing:

Intercessory Prayer:

Prayer can change a person, a family, a nation, a congregation, a world - change can and will happen with prayer

The Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit):

Yeshua said the Spirit would always be with us

The Spirit will always draw us closer to God

**Shalom (the peace of God) to you
and your household!**

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