

Resurrection of Jesus Christ; Significance; Nature of the Resurrection Body

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(D. His Resurrection - cont.)

2. Significance

- a. Authenticated the claims of Christ (Romans 1:4)
- b. Ratifies the efficacy of the atonement (Romans 4:25, 8:34)
- c. Assures the believer of needed power (Ephesians 1:19-22, Philemon 3:10)
- d. Assures the believer of his own resurrection (John 14:19, I Corinthians 15:17-23)
- e. Assures the world of the certainty of judgment (Acts 17:31, John 5:22)

3. The Nature of the Resurrection Body

- a. Identified as the same body that was entombed
 - (1) Retained nail prints (John 20:25-29)
 - (2) Retained wound in the side (John 20:25-29)
 - (3) Christ recognized by his disciples (unless temporarily veiled)
 - (4) Christ could eat (Luke 24:42-43)

(5) The body was material - could be felt (Mt 28:9, Luke 24:39, John 20:17)

(6) The body was visible to the natural eye.

(7) The body could breathe (John 20:22)

(8) The body possessed flesh and bones (Luke 24:39-40)

b. Yet the body was changed

(1) Apparently not restricted by distance and ordinary means of transportation

(2) Entered closed rooms without difficulty (Luke 24:36, John 20:19)

(3) Able to appear and disappear (Luke 24:17)

(4) Apparently didn't need rest or sustenance (could eat - but didn't have to)

(5) A glorious body (Acts 7:56, 9:3-6, Revelation 1:12-30) -but temporarily veiled during 40 days

c. Our resurrection body will be like His. (Philemon 3:21)

d. Cf. I Corinthians 15:35f.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - John 14:19 – “Because I live, you shall live also.”