

1 Corinthians 15:35-49

The Resurrection Body



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- The real question for Paul

Acts 23:6-8 English Standard Version (ESV)

⁶ Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial." ⁷ And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. ⁸ For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.



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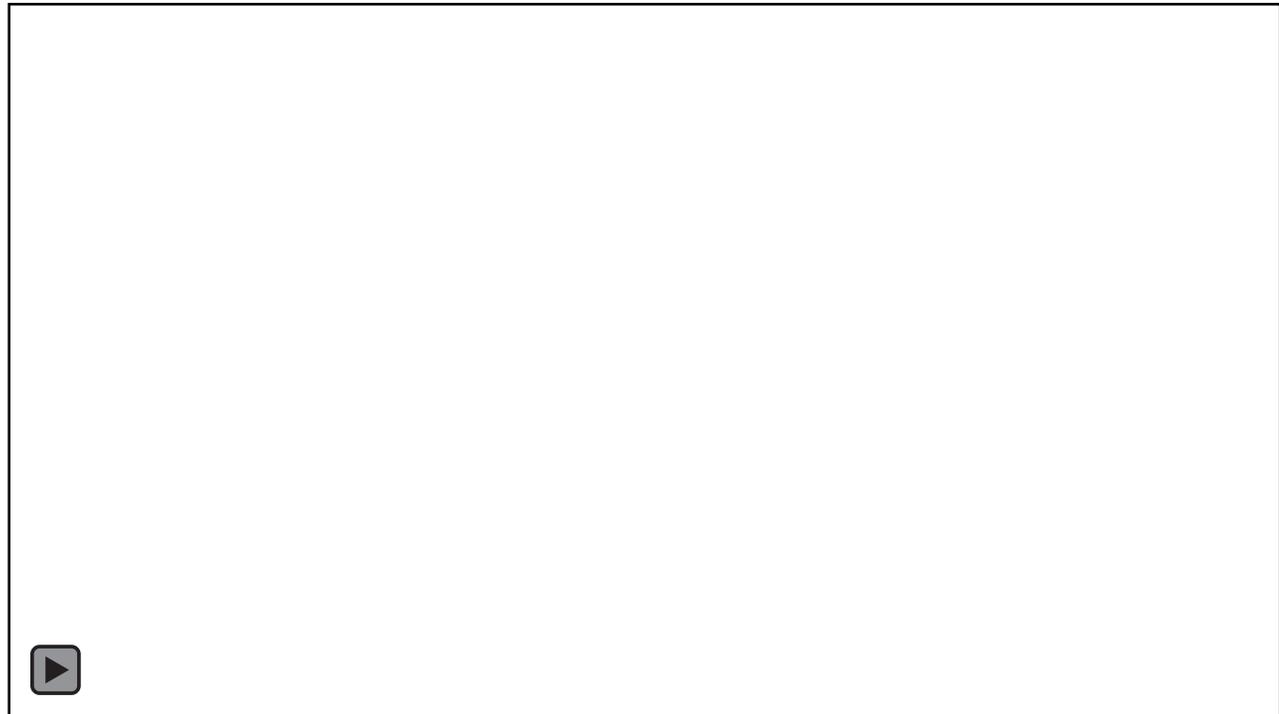
- **Two Questions**
 - How are the dead raised?
 - With what kind of body will they come?
- **Foolish Person**
 - Mindless...Ignorant...Stupid



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- Death precedes resurrection



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- Death precedes resurrection
- Jesus on Farming

John 12:24 English Standard Version (ESV)

24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.



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The Resurrection Body

- A Transformed Body (37)
 - Related...Representative...Miraculous
- God Given Body (38)
 - You formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb (Psalm 139)
 - Before I formed you in the womb I knew you (Jeremiah 1)
 - For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus (Eph 2)

Matthew 17:1-7 English Standard Version (ESV)

17 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

3 And he said to them, "I am the Son of Man, and I will sit on the throne of David. But you must not say that to anyone, for the Son of Man will be betrayed to the hands of men, and he will be killed, and after three days he will rise again. But you must not say that to anyone."

4 And he said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all. For the Son of Man will be like that Son of Man who has authority over all things, and he will sit on the throne of David, and he will reign over the twelve tribes of Israel. But whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

5 And he said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

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- **Same Identity (37-38)**
 - Recognizable
 - Sow a kernel of wheat...harvest wheat
- **Different from each other (39-41)**
 - Recognizable as individuals (Jesus, Elijah, Moses)
 - Different Rewards



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- **Sown Perishable → Raised Imperishable (42)**
 - Like the seed...death is natural
- **Sown in Dishonor → Raised in Glory (43)**



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- **Sown in Weakness → Raised in Power (43)**
 - Frail...Disease...Sickness
- **Sown a Natural Body → Raised a Spiritual Body (44)**
 - Not a Spirit Resurrection
 - Supernatural
 - Spiritual Gifts



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The Resurrection Body

- **The Natural and the Spiritual**
 - Builds case on Genesis 1-2
 - The First Adam...The Last Adam = Jesus
 - Living Person → Life Giving Spirit
 - Adam First → Jesus Last
 - From earth, made of dust → Heaven, heavenly
 - Heavenly Body in the Creator's Image



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- Adaptable to Heavenly environment (48)
- Like Jesus Christ

Philippians 1:6 English Standard Version (ESV)

⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

- Perfected in Righteousness



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The Resurrection Body

- Linked to Christ - 1 John 3:2
- Literal Body - Luke 24:39
- No Physical Constraints - John 20:26
- A transformed Body - 1 Cor 15:52
- God Given Body - 1 Cor 15:38
- Powerful - 1 Cor 15:43
- Spiritual Body - 1 Cor 15:44
- Angel Like - Math 22:30, Luke 20:36
- Immortal - 1 Cor 15:42
- Incorruptible - 1 Cor 15:42
- Adaptable - 1 Cor 15:48
- Glorious - 1 Cor 15:43
- Same Identity - 1 Cor 6:14
- Perfected - Phil 1:6
- Luminous - Dan 12:3, Math 13:43
- Different from others - 1 Cor 15:41



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The Resurrection Body – A Final Challenge

- Challenge in Verse 49
 - “We shall also bear the image of the man of heaven”
 - “Let us also bear the image of the man of heaven”
- Proudly bear the Image of Christ
 - Embrace your God-given body
 - Look forward to your transformed body
- Live like Jesus is Alive
- Live in light of your own Resurrection



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