



Resurrection

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Introduction:

Today we will consider the power of God to defeat both sin and death; to resurrect both our spirits and our bodies!

Text: Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26

While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, “My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.” Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

**When Jesus entered the
synagogue leader's house and saw
the noisy crowd and people
playing pipes, he said, "Go away.
The girl is not dead but asleep."
But they laughed at him.**



After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region.

Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26



We will first consider the case of a young girl, the daughter of a synagogue leader, who had only just died.

1. Even though she had just died, she was **COMPLETELY** dead.

2. The signs of **DECAY** were not yet apparent; she looked as if she was merely sleeping.

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3. In the same way, spiritual death is **TOTAL**.

4. Sin **ALWAYS** leads to spiritual death, which in turn always leads to spiritual **DECAY**.

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5. Spiritual **DECAY** is not immediate, but always **REVEALS** itself with the passing of time.



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Text: Luke 7:11-17

Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out---the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.

And a large crowd from the town was with her.

When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”

Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still.

He said, “Young man, I say to you,
get up!”

The dead man sat up and began to
talk, and Jesus gave him back to
his mother.

They were all filled with awe and
praised God.



“A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said.

“God has come to help his people.”

This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

Luke 7:11-17



We will next consider the case of a young man, the only child of a widow, who was being carried to his grave.

1. He, like the young girl, was **COMPLETELY** dead.

2. The signs of death's **DECAY** were apparent; he was obviously dead.

We will next consider the case of a young man, the only child of a widow, who was being carried to his grave.

3. In the same way the physical death leads to obvious physical **DECAY**, the **DECAY** of spiritual death eventually become obvious.



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4. The young man's death is known within the **COMMUNITY.**

5. The young man is carried to his grave **PUBLICLY.**

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6. In the same way, sin becomes more **OPEN** and the consequences of that sin becomes more apparent as the **SHAME** of sin **FADES** with time and repetition.

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Text: John 11:38-44

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.

“Take away the stone,” he said.



“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”



So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.

I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

John 11:38-44

We will last consider the case of Lazarus, a man whom Jesus loved, but nevertheless died.

1. The signs of death's **DECAY** were far advanced.

2. His body had been taken away and buried, so that it's **DECAY** would not be repulsive to others.

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3. In the same way, sometimes spiritual **DECAY** is so far advanced that a person is **SHUNNED** by others and lives in **ISOLATION**.

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4. Even in this situation, the power of the **RESURRECTION** is stronger than the power of **SIN** and **DEATH** and **LIFE** can begin anew!

FINAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Each resurrection represented a powerful MIRACLE of God, but outwardly they seemed quite different.

The first resurrection wasn't greatly apparent, because the young girl's death had not even been widely known.

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The second resurrection was widely known, because the young man's death had been widely known, and was greatly celebrated!



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The third resurrection was widely known, but in the spiritual sense, the spiritual decay often leaves such great scars that the miracle of resurrection may not be as apparent as in the second case, but it is just as great a miracle of God!

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2. Both physical and spiritual resurrections are accomplished through the infinite power and love of Jesus, who went into the grave for us and brought out the Keys of Death and Hell!





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