

## *Reasoning from the Resurrection (Part 3)*

### *The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ*

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**Introduction:** We face a real battle to maintain a “sound mind.”

- A. Our God will teach us how to think as we are molded into the image of Christ.
  - 1. His goal is to defeat every thought and bring it into submission to Him. **(2 Cor 10:4-5)**
  - 2. The way we change our thinking is to be taught how to reason from the apostles and prophets.
- B. We must repeatedly focus on “sound doctrine.” **(Titus 2:1; 2 Tim 1:13-14)**
  - 1. When we rejoice in the stimulating reasoning of great thinkers and theologians, then it will not be long until the plain thinking of the gospel will be despised.
  - 2. It is important that we feed on the right source. **(Titus 1:9-14)**
- C. The basis of this series is the Death, Burial and Resurrection of Christ as the foundation of the Christian’s thinking.
  - 1. How did the apostles reason to convince others to believe in the resurrection?
  - 2. What Bible doctrines are tied to the resurrection?
  - 3. In this study we will examine the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ and the resurrection of the dead. We will also review the AD 70 doctrine.

#### ***I. Undeniable facts about the Death, Burial and resurrection of Christ***

- A. Jesus lived in a physical body, died and then was raised in a physical body.
  - 1. A simple truth denied can have great repercussions. **(1 Jn 4:1-6; 2 Jn 7-8)**
  - 2. Jesus made it very clear that this was true. **(Lk 24:39-45)**
  - 3. When Jesus’ resurrection is tied to our future resurrection, we should remember these truths!
- B. Jesus ascended to heaven in that same physical body and on a physical cloud. **(Acts 1:9-11)**
  - 1. When Jesus comes again we are told what it will look like!
  - 2. When the righteous ascend to meet Him we already know the circumstances of Jesus’ return!

#### ***II. What does the Resurrection teaches us about future events***

- A. There will be a literal physical resurrection of all men who ever lived.
  - 1. Paul reasoned with unbelievers that they would be held accountable at the judgment day and the proof of this would be the resurrection of Christ. **(Acts 17:30-31)**
  - 2. Why would the resurrection of Christ have any connection to proof of a future judgment of all men? Consider how Paul develops this reasoning with Christians. **(2 Cor 4:13-14; 1 Cor 6:14; Phil 3:20-21, 1 Jn 3:2)**
  - 3. Is this resurrection a figurative resurrection of a cause?
- B. Did Jesus discuss a literal resurrection and a very different afterlife in His ministry?
  - 1. What was the disagreement with the Sadducees about? **(Lk 20:27, 34-36)**
  - 2. After the resurrection, what would be true of all those who were raised? Is this true today?

3. What was the occasion that Mary discussed the resurrection with Jesus?  
(**Jn 11:23-26; 40-46**)
  4. Did Jesus teach a general resurrection for only a small group of people?  
(**Jn 5:28-29; Acts 24:15-16**)
  5. Is this a personal resurrection that brings personal accountability?
- C. Will all men see and personally experience things at the second coming of Christ?
1. Christians are expecting to see and meet Jesus at His coming.  
(**1 Jn 3:1-2; 1 Thess 4:13-18**)
  2. Since this is connected to Jesus' resurrection, then in what manner will we see Jesus? Is this a past event only applicable to the righteous?
  3. Will the unrighteous also see Jesus coming in the clouds? (**Rev 1:5-7**)
  4. How is Jesus the "firstborn from the dead?" How was He raised? How will the others be raised?

### ***III. How should we properly handle Old Testament prophecies?***

- A. The advocates of the AD 70 doctrine rely heavily upon taking their understanding of the Old Testament prophets and applying it to the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ and the resurrection of the dead.
1. They maintain that any "coming" of Christ has to be interpreted as the "comings" of God in Old Testament judgments.
  2. They want to say that the Old Testament shows a general resurrection that was the resurrection of a cause. We also must view the New Testament resurrection this way.
- B. We must learn how to handle the Old Testament prophecies.
1. We can know when a passage is fulfilled when the N. T. tells us! (**Acts 2:16-17**)
  2. As the premillennialist do, our AD 70 advocates dispute the interpretations given by the Apostles and Jesus Himself!
  3. It is important to harmonize and learn from the Old Testament.  
(**Mt 5:17-18; Rom 15:4**)
  4. Remember the limitations of the Old Testament prophets without the light of the New Testament Apostles and Prophets. (**1 Pt 1:9-12**)
  5. Some of the prophecies were well known and others were not.
    - a. What prophecies were known in advance by the Jewish leaders?
    - b. Remember, even with the prophecies, the coming of Christ was a mystery that was revealed at the right time! (**Eph 1:9; 3:3-4, 9**)
- C. We should be Cross-centered in our understanding of these terms!
1. If Jesus has already come then it would be pointless to keep the Lord's Supper!  
(**1 Cor 11:23-26**)
  2. The Cross will give us a clear vision and understanding of future events.

**Conclusion:** Let us fight for the one hope of His coming and the resurrection of the dead.

1. Paul delivered to Satan those who said the resurrection is past. (**2 Tim 2:15-19**)
2. Errors of the past do not stay defeated. We need to be prepared!