

John # 76 “How Can A Dead Man Hear?” John 5:25

From the time the Lord Jesus was taken into custody and throughout His crucifixion and beyond, ten of His eleven remaining disciples scattered and hid in fear but after seeing and recognizing the resurrected Christ, they became fearless evangelists proclaiming His Gospel boldly no matter how fiercely they were opposed.

So much so, that all except John eventually gave their lives for His cause and obviously only seeing their resurrected Lord could produce such a radical change as that!

Some saw and didn't realize Who they were seeing and others saw and refused to believe Who and what they were seeing and that's the Pharisees.

Of all of Israel's failures, this is the most serious and sad as those who rejected Jesus Christ vehemently hunted Him down and murdered Him yet they were supposedly the best Israel had to offer; her teachers and her prime examples, the most zealous of Bible protectors and proponents and above all those who should have been eagerly anticipating their Messiah and yet they judged the God-man Jesus Christ (in their minds according to their Hebrew Scriptures), thinking they were doing God a service in treating Him the way they did.

Jesus was to them about as far from the Messiah as anyone could be!

After all, He dishonored their sacred traditions like none other and that threatened their stronghold on the people!

The Lord Jesus was in the process of making alive spiritually many who were in His presence just like the woman at the well, the Samaritans she witnessed to and the lame man.

Spiritual resurrection can and does happen frequently from the time of our Lord's Incarnation till the end of human history.

The Lord Jesus doesn't say believe in Me, My death or even My resurrection; He says believe Me, believe what I say, My words and therefore, you're believing Him Who sent Me!

Jesus Christ is the only Source of spiritual life.

The biblical concept of death conveys separation and not cessation or annihilation.

The Physical Death of the Human Race

Operational Death, the Dead Works of the Believer

The Carnal Death of the Believer who spends the majority of his time in carnality

The Positional Death of the Believer

The Sin unto Death 1st John 5:16

The Second Death Revelation 2:11

Sexual Death

John 5:25 is referring to Spiritual Death

Spiritual Death was the penalty of sin, and was so given as the warning to mankind in the garden.

Gen 2:15-17 “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take

care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, You are free to eat from any tree in the garden but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

lit. dying you will die.

We are not condemned by our personal sins.

Personal sins are only a sign that we ARE spiritually dead; Rom 5:12 “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man (Adam) and death (spiritual) through sin and in this way, (spiritual) death came to all people because all sinned.”

There are 2 categories of Spiritual Death: a. Real Spiritual Death which was the actual spiritual death of Adam which he deserved when he made the corporate decision for the entire human race
b. Substitutionary Spiritual Death where on the cross, the Lord Jesus Christ bore our sins that He didn't deserve.

The solution to Spiritual Death is found in Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Personal sins are the result of being spiritually dead and not the cause.

At physical birth, we have a soul and no human spirit, so we cannot understand the Gospel or really anything about God.

Spiritual Death means total depravity.

The status of total separation from God or our helplessness to do anything about it brings in the issue of the grace of God.

The Holy Spirit can make faith alone in Jesus Christ alone by grace alone effective for salvation. Eternal life comes from the Father by way of the Son.