

Richmond Hill Baptist Church

March 28, 2010

Raised (1C15): Part 3 - What Does a Resurrected Body Look Like?

Questions & Answers about Death and the Afterlife

Prelude

Call to Worship: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, Hosanna* (Kids with Palm Branches)

Pray & Welcome: Good morning and welcome to Richmond Hill Baptist Church on this Palm Sunday. It's been a big week for our church: Brandy Eagleson married Jeremy Markus yesterday and Zach & Cheryl had a little boy on Thursday. They named him Jacob. We want to say congratulations to the Hillmans and the Eaglesons welcome to your family and friends. If you are a guest please take a Connect Card and fill it out and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by. Let's take a moment and greet one another!

Sing: *Hope of the Nations, Nothing But the Blood, Here I Am to Worship, Jesus, All for Jesus*

Children's Corner: (Alyssa Baker)

Offering: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Prayer Guide Day One: Ballads

Offertory: *What do I know of Holy?*

DVD: *Palm Sunday: God's Way* (EW)

Sermon: We must never forget the context for Palm Sunday. You recall the people praised Jesus when he came into Jerusalem because he had raised Lazarus from the dead.

For the last two Sundays we have been going through a series entitled:

Raised (1C15): Questions & Answers about Death and the Afterlife

Part 1 - What Do You Believe?

Nothing or Something (Reincarnation, Spirit World, or Resurrection)

Part 2 - What Happens When You Die?

There is a gap between individual death and the final resurrection, when Jesus returns, that is often referred to as the interim or intermediate state.

Conclusions on the Interim State of the Righteous:

- they are with God
- they are in Paradise

- they are alive and conscious
- they are at rest awaiting the judgment and final resurrection

Conclusions on the Interim State of the Wicked:

- they are separated from God
- they are in Hades
- they are alive and conscious
- they are in torment awaiting the judgment and final resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:22-23: For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

Part 3 - What Does a Resurrected Body Look Like?

Four Facts about the Resurrection Body of Jesus:

1. He possessed flesh and bones.

Luke 24:39-40: *While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.*

2. He ate food.

Luke 24:41-43: *And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.*

John 21:12-15: *Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?"*

3. He was recognized by His disciples.

Luke 24:31: *When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.*

4. He was not subject to normal laws of time and space.

Luke 24:31: *Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.*

Luke 24:36: *While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."*

John 20:19: *On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"*

John 20:26: *A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"*

1 Corinthians 15:35-49

But someone may ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?"³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else.³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.³⁹ All flesh is not the same: Men have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another.⁴⁰ There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another.⁴¹ The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable;⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.⁴⁵ So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.⁴⁶ The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual.⁴⁷ The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven.⁴⁸ As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

Eight Features about our Future Resurrected Bodies:

1. They will have continuity with our present body and yet be vastly different.

Verses 37-38: *When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else.³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.*

Iris – bulb (hairy)

2. They will be heavenly and perfectly suited for a new environment.

Verses 39-40: *All flesh is not the same: Men have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another.* ⁴⁰ *There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another.*

3. They will be unique and each have a splendour of their own.

Verses 40-41: *There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another.* ⁴¹ *The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.*

4. They will be imperishable and not subject to disease, decay, or death.

Verse 42: *So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable*

5. They will be full of glory with no hint of dishonour.

Verse 43: *it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory;*

6. They will be powerful and able to overcome.

Verse 43: *it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power*

7. They will be spiritual and not subject to the natural laws.

Verses 44-48: *it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.* ⁴⁵ *So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.* ⁴⁶ *The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual.* ⁴⁷ *The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven.* ⁴⁸ *As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.*

8. They will bear the likeness of Christ.

Verse 49: *And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.*

In the mean time our bodies get older, slower, and well...

5 B's of Old Age: Baldness, Bi-focals, Bridges, Bulges, & Bunions.

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall – You have got to be kidding!

Reality Show: *Extreme Makeover*: plastic surgery, weight loss, hairdos, clothes, glasses, contacts, teeth.

In 2003, American spent 8.4 billion dollars on nearly 3 million cosmetic plastic surgeries and procedures!

You gotta love Wii characters! You can make yourself just the way you want to be.

Some day you will get a new, wonderful, glorious, & perfect new body

Application for the Here & Now

1. **Thank God for the body that you now have.**
2. **Don't compare your body to others.**
3. **Invite God's spirit into your body by placing your faith in Christ being forgiven of your sin.**
4. **Take care of your body as the temple of God's Spirit. (Use it for God's Glory)**
5. **Look forward to your future body that God has prepared for you.**

Response: *He Is Lord!*

Announcements: Easter Schedule of Events

RMMoG: Family Ski Day, Sunshine, April 10, Last Day to Sign Up
Rock the River Meeting right after church for volunteers: prayer,
training, counselling

New Members:

Nirmala Sainju (Statement of Faith)

Daughter: Meera Sainju, meerasainju@hotmail.com

Grand Son: Nirupan Shresthe

Roy Tutschek (Statement of Faith)

Doris, & Sherry Tutschek (Transfer from Bethel Baptist Church, Escondido CA)

Tanya & Kinena Kang (Statement of Faith)

Postlude: *Majestic*