The Resurrection and the Judgment (3)

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INTRODUCTION

- Realized eschatology is the belief that the second coming of Jesus and all of those things associated with the second coming of Jesus were already fulfilled in 70 A.D. when Jerusalem was destroyed.
- There is a sense in which it was a judgment day, divine retribution against the city of Jerusalem for having crucified the Son of God. But I would suggest to you that it is not the judgment day.
- Look at how these events were described in the scripture and see whether or not that event that took place in 70 AD could be the fulfillment of all of those things.

1 Was AD 70 the Resurrection?

- The only way that the AD 70 advocate, the realized eschatology advocate, can suggest that is by making this highly symbolic.
- One interpretation for the resurrection having occurred in 70 AD suggests that the idea of the body did not refer to individuals, but that the body was the church.
- The other one is that it appears to individuals, not the church, but they take it again in a symbolic way or a spiritualized way, that the soul was changed.

2 The Bible Teaches a Bodily Resurrection

Daniel 12:2; Matthew 22:29; Acts 26:8

- What was unique about Christianity was that it taught that the actual body would be brought back.
- Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake. These to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.
- The part of man that dies is what God will resurrect. The body.
- Why is it considered incredible among you people if God does raise the dead?

3 What 1 Corinthians 15 Says About the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:12

- This chapter contains the most exhaustive treatment of the resurrection found anywhere in Scripture.
- It wasn't just the changing of a soul in some way. It was the resurrection of the body.
- Christ's resurrection is our guarantee that we will be raised. That we'll be raised in the same way he was. If his body was raised, then our body will be raised.
- The changes that are made here are changes made to the body. Not changes made to the spirit or the soul.

4 The Consequences of Denying the Bodily Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:16; 1 Corinthians 15:17; 1 Corinthians 15:19

- For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. You can't say he was raised bodily, and we won't be.
- If Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless, you are still in your sins.
- If there is no resurrection, then we enter into sin. And so therefore it's a serious matter.

5 The Judgment Day

Ecclesiastes 12:13–14; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Timothy 4:1

- They teach that there will be no universal judgment day upon which all will appear before God to give account for their lives.
- For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
- In what way were the dead judged when Jerusalem was destroyed? How did the judgment follow death?
- Every single person must appear before the judgment seat of Christ.

6 The End of the World

Hebrews 1:10–12; 2 Peter 3:8–10; 2 Timothy 2:16–18

- I can't find that Judaism collapsed when Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 AD. Instead, the end of the world is the end of the world.
- The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some count slowness, but patient towards you, not wishing for any to perish, but all to come to repentance.
- God's being patient. That's why it hasn't happened yet. But it will.
- Men who have gone astray from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and thus they upset the faith of some.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **God has fixed a day in which he will judge all of us. We will each stand before the judgment seat of Christ. What will our answer be then? Will we be in a right relationship with God?**

MY NOTES