

Death Decoded

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Acts 2:29 - What happens to people when they die is a crucial truth to understand.

Acts 2:34 - “David is **not ascended** in to the heavens.” He is still in his grave awaiting the resurrection just like all of the other holy men and women in the Bible. (See **1 Thessalonians 4:15-18**)

Psalm 115:17 - “The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence.”

Psalm 6:5 - “For in death there is no remembrance of Thee: in the grave who shall give Thee thanks?”

Psalm 146:3-4 - Thoughts and feelings make up our character; in death these perish.

Job 7:9-10 - “As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away; so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him an more.” This makes it abundantly clear that men and women do not come back to haunt or bless their families after death. Jesus Christ has a far better plan for us.

Job 14:7-12 - There is more hope for a cut down tree to come back to life than for a man that dies. Only the Godhead has power to take up mens lives from death. Humans will all be resurrected together at the second coming of Jesus, and at that point it will be said, “Death is swallowed up in victory” (**1 Cor 15:54**).

Genesis 2:7 - “The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed unto his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” God’s breath plus body equals a living soul. No breath, no soul. No body, no soul. It takes them both to make the one.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 - “Then shall the dust (or body, **Genesis 2:7**) return to the earth as it was: and the spirit (or breath) shall return unto God who gave it.” The words spirit and breath can be used in the Bible interchangeably. (See **Isaiah 42:5**; **Job 27:3**)

Ecclesiastes 9:5-6,10 - “For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.”

1 Timothy 6:15-16 - “The King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who ONLY hath immortality...”

Romans 2:7 - “To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for... immortality.”

Luke 23:42-43 - What about the thief on the cross? Didn’t he go straight to Heaven when he died along with Jesus? Did Christ ascend to Heaven when He died? No. In an account on Sunday, resurrection morning, we read what Christ said about Himself. See **John 20:17**. He had not yet ascended to His Father.

Now that we have established that we are definitely dead when we die, let us consider another deception that the beast power has been working on. (Jesus does not want us to be deceived, He even said Himself, “Take heed that no man deceive you” **Matthew 24:4**).

Revelation 13:13-14 - “Great wonders,” means miracles of all different sorts. “Fire...down from heaven,” means a couple of things; a false revival, and a false display of God’s acceptance. If you remember, the disciples experienced fire from heaven in **Acts 2:1-4**. This symbolized that there was the blessing of the Spirit of God resting on those that were representatives of God’s cause. When fire came down in the Old Testament was when Elijah was a prophet, it meant that He was the true servant of God, thus exposing the deceivers of the day, the 850 prophets of Baal and the prophets of the groves. (See **1 Kings 18**) Never forget these next words, “he deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles.”

Revelation 16:13-14 - “I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. They are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of the great day of God Almighty.” These demons will attack, with their deceptions, the kings of the earth. Every one of us, if still alive, will be a part of this whether we like it or not. Let us hold fast to the truths of the Scriptures and teach these things to as many people as possible. Jesus is coming soon and we must be on our guard against the wiles of the devil. May the Good Lord help and guide us all.

2 Corinthians 11:14-15 - Satan himself can and will appear as a heaven sent messenger. Do not be surprised if he has a ‘minister of righteousness’ near to you, the Bible says that he will.

2 Corinthians 5:7 - “We walk by faith, not by sight.” (See **Romans 10:17**)

Luke 1:30-35 - The baby Jesus was given to this world by the Spirit through a young virgin named Mary.

Luke 1:46-49 - “Behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath done to me great things.” Many people say that Mary is the co-redemptrix, or redeemer with Christ. It has also been said that we should look to Mary as a divine being, and some will even tell you that she is communicating with us through spiritual manifestations, dreams, and miracles. According to the Bible is she still alive today? No. She is sleeping in her grave awaiting the resurrection just like the Patriarch David.

Luke 8:19-21 - Jesus mother comes to Him while He is preaching a sermon, and it was said to Him, “Thy mother and they brethren stand without, desiring to see Thee.” What was His answer? Notice what it was not; He did not say, “Look everyone, God is here!” He simply said, “My mother and My brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.” Thus Christ put His mother on common ground with all those that were willing to follow His teachings.

Luke 11:27-28 - “A certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto Him, ‘Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.’ Making reference to His mother. What was the answer of Christ? Was it, “Yes, praise Mary, for she is the one you should look to.”? No. The answer was, “Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.” I do not mean to be critical or funny,

that is not my purpose at all, it is to show what the Bible says and does not say. Let's follow the Bible, that we may be called blessed by the Lord Jesus Christ and kept from deception.

John 11:3-4 - Lazarus was sick.

John 11:11-14 - In the mean time he died, and then the disciples went with Christ to see him. Christ considered his death to be a sleep, one which he would awaken from. He then showed that He had the power to raise people from the dead in verses **23-27, 39-44**. Why don't we see a record of Lazarus saying, "Lord! I don't want to come back down to earth from Heaven!" Or, "Thank You Jesus! It was HOT down there!"? It's because Lazarus was only dead, not in Heaven or hell. Notice, when Jesus called Lazarus, He didn't say, "Lazarus, come down!" Neither did He say, "Lazarus, come up!" He said, "Come forth." If we trust in Jesus we should not be afraid of death, which only is a sleep. If we do not know Jesus then it is time to be worried, for the future lot of those that do not know Him is the second death, out of which there is no waking. (See **Revelation 20:14**) We may all die the first death, which our Savior calls a sleep, but we can rest in the hope of a resurrection into glory. There will be the uniting of broken families on that day, there will be no more death, pain, broken homes, or loss of loved ones. "Comfort one another with these words" (**1 Thes. 4:18**).

Referring to death, the Bible uses the phrase "slept with his fathers" 36 times.

This is a deception that many people do not realize as being dangerous. What if you had a loved one appear to you claiming to be sent from God? It will pay to know "It is written" at that point. Satan will attempt to draw on our emotions using dead loved ones, and then will tell us things by them that are contrary to the teachings of the Bible. The Scripture says:

Isaiah 8:20 - In context of spiritual manifestations; "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." We should know the Bible well enough to detect if someone is even misquoting it! This will save us from being confused and deceived. Satan is not playing games with our souls, he is trying everything he possibly can to get us to believe his deceptive sophistries. God, on the other hand, wants us all to be trusting in Him and His word so that when we need help He will be there for us. He loves us, even more than His own life, He proved it on Calvary.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 - In context of prayer, Paul says, "This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

May we all take seriously the study of God's Holy Word, and may we have the boldness to share these beautiful truths with others... The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.