

Resuscitations, Revivifications, Resurrections, and Revenants:

Introductory Matters

Introduction

A. The M_____ of Resurrection Clarity

1. 1 Corinthians 15:12-19
2. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

B. The Non-N_____ Content of the Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Body

I. Defining “Resurrection”

A. Belief in the Resurrection:¹

1. According to a recent Harris poll, from 2003-2010, the number of Americans who believe in the resurrection of Jesus dropped 10 points, from _____% to _____%.
2. Around Easter 2012, a Rasmussen poll _____% of Americans believed the resurrection of Christ to be a historical fact. By Easter 2013, that number was down to _____%.²
3. Only _____% of Americans believe they will have bodies in heaven.
4. _____% of the people taking a Harris poll in 2003 said they believed in reincarnation.

¹ Lisa Miller in *Newsweek* @ <http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/2010/03/24/far-from-heaven.html>.

² <http://www.cnsnews.com/blog/dan-joseph/> (April 1, 2013)

5. Of self-professed Christians taking the poll, _____% believe they will be reincarnated.
6. The percentage of Americans who answered “yes” to the following question, “Do you believe that, after you die, your physical body will be resurrected someday?”³
_____ % of those who recently attended church, only _____% said “yes.”
7. “In all, _____% of Americans said that the meaning of Easter was the resurrection of Jesus or that it signifies Christ death and return to life.”⁴
8. A 2015 survey of Canadians by the Angus Reid Institute (as reported by Aaron Hutchins in Macleans’s):
“While it’s true that ever more people (now _____ % of the population) are inclined to reject religion, a solid segment—_____ % of Canadians—embraces religion. (_____ % of Canadians said they were “somewhere in between.”) And of the religiously inclined, more than half attend a service at least once a month, while almost _____ of 10 pray privately on a regular basis . . . Evangelicals are holding their own by consistently hovering around a _____% share of the country’s population.
About _____% of those evangelical affiliates are immigrants, according to Rick Hiemstra, director of research at the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada.”⁵

B. When You Die . . .

1. Are you just dead; or are you dead-**D**_____?
2. What happened to Jesus between the **C**_____ and the resurrection?
3. Without **D**_____, there can be no resurrection.

C. The Word αναστασις (anastasis):

³ The results of a 2006 Scripps survey @ <http://www.religionnewsblog.com/14273/most-americans-dont-believe-in-the-resurrection>.

⁴ Barna Group 2010 survey @ <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/13-culture/356-most-americans-consider-easter-a-religious-holiday-but-fewer-correctly-identify-its-meaning>

⁵ <http://www.macleans.ca/society/life/what-canadians-really-believe/> (Aaron Hutchins, 26 March 2015)

D. Defining “Resurrection:”

1. **R**_____
2. **R**_____
3. **R**_____
4. **R**_____

II. Resurrection in the Old Testament:

- A. Job 19:_____ - _____
- B. Isaiah 26:_____
- C. Daniel 12:_____ - _____
- D. Hosea 6:_____
- E. Isaiah 25:_____ - _____
- F. Ezekiel 37:_____ - _____

III. The Two-Fold Nature of Jesus’ Resurrection Body:

A. The P_____ Nature.

1. John uses the word σαρχ [sarx] to describe the **I**_____ of Jesus. (John 1:14)
2. Jesus said it was a body of **F**_____ [σαρχ] and **B**_____. (Luke 24:39)
3. The Apostle John argued that denial of the **P**_____ resurrection of Jesus to be false teaching. (1 John 4:2; 2 John 7)
4. Luke reaffirms the σαρχ of Jesus’ resurrected **B**_____. (Acts 2:31)
5. Note: Paul generally avoided using the word σαρχ (preferring the general word σωμα, soma) in referring to the physical resurrection of people, most probably because of the possibility that, since σαρχ may (but not necessarily) connote weakness, Paul remains reticent to give opportunity to associate resurrection with any human weakness. Paul does employ σαρχ [sarx] and σωμα [soma] interchangeably in 1 Corinthians 15:38-40.

6. What Died? (Genesis 2:16-17)
 - a. Physical Death Is No *F*_____. (1 Corinthians 15:25-26)
 - b. In the *I*_____ of God? (1 Thessalonians 5:23)
7. The *P*_____ View of Resurrection

B. The I_____ Nature.

1. The resurrection body is dominated by the *S*_____. (1 Corinthians 15:42)
2. The resurrection body is a glorified and heavenly body, but is the *S*_____ body transformed. (Philippians 3:21; 1 John 3:2)
3. Jesus was the *F*_____ to have a permanent, imperishable, resurrected body. (1 Corinthians 15:20)

Conclusion

- A. A *P*_____ Taste Test? (Matthew 27:50-54)
- B. Resurrection Remains a Non-negotiable *M*_____.