

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

Eternity and God's omniscience

omni = unlimited and science = knowledge

God knows everything there is to know and there isn't anything that He doesn't know regardless when something happened rather if it is in the past, present, or future.

God knew everything about you and me before the earth was created and He loved us even though we are sinners.

The punishment sin is spiritual death (Gen. 3:7 which separation from God) and physical death which is separation from our body.

Even though God loved us, He couldn't do anything to save without breaking His perfect attributes, especially His attributes of righteousness and His justice.

The only way to save us was for someone who is sinless to take the punishment for us. Even though Jesus Christ is a member of the Godhead is perfect and sinless, He volunteered to take on Himself our punishment which would include the horrifying percept of the cross.

He left the glorious splendor of heaven to become the unique person of the universe. He came to earth to become both man and God, the God-man.

Jesus Christ never even once sinned so He fulfilled His mission to earth when He said, “**It is finished**” as He hung on the cross (John 19:30).

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Luke 23:46 And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit." And having said this, He breathed His last (John 10:18).

Psalms 31:5 Into Thy hand I commit my spirit; Thou hast ransomed/delivered me, O LORD, God of truth/doctrine.

What Happened Next?

Matthew 27:51-54 And behold, *the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom*, and the earth shook; and the rocks were split, 52) and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53) and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many. 54) Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

- Who tore the veil of the Temple in two from top to bottom? God.
- Why? Up until Jesus Christ died on the cross, no one had access to God other than the High Priest who one time a year would go behind the veil, into the Holy of Holies with the blood of a lamb to cover the unknown sins of the people, for that year.
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Christ's Trials

There were six parts to Jesus' trial: three stages in a religious court and three stages before a Roman court. The religious courts were brutal and they convicted Him of blasphemy. The Roman courts wanted Jesus to perform miracles and put on a show for them.

There were several illegalities of Jewish law involved in these trials: (1) No trial was to be held during feast time. (2) Each member of the court was to vote individually to convict or acquit, but Jesus was convicted by acclamation. (3) If the death penalty was given, a night must pass before the sentence was carried out; however, only a few hours passed before Jesus was placed on the Cross. (4) The Jews had no authority to execute anyone. (5) No trial was to be held at night, but this trial was held before dawn. (6) The accused was to be given counsel or representation, but Jesus had none. (7) The accused was not to be asked self-incriminating questions, but Jesus was asked if He was the Christ.

Pilate (John 18:23) after Jesus was beaten. Herod (Luke 23:7). Herod had Jesus ridiculed. Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate where he offered the prisoner Barabbas to be crucified and Jesus released, but the Jews rejected Pilate and were shouting “crucify Him” over and over so he turned Jesus over to them (Luke 23:25).

The trials of Jesus represent the ultimate mockery of justice. Jesus, the most innocent man in the history of the world, was found guilty of crimes and sentenced to death by crucifixion.

The Roman Soldiers and Jesus

The Roman soldiers were cruel, vicious, and ruthless. They mocked Jesus, stripped Him naked, put a crown of thorns on His head, and he was scourged.

On the Cross

Crucifixion was and probably still is, the most horrible agonizing way to be put to death.

Luke 23:39-43 And one of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" 40) But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41) "And we indeed justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." 42) And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" 43) And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise." PP

After the Cross

Jesus' spirit went to God the Father (Luke 23:4-6) and His soul went to Paradise (Luke 23:43) and to hell/Tartarus (1 Peter 3:19/2 Peter 2:4).

HADES

Greek
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Hebrew
SHEOL

ABRAHAM'S BOSOM PARADISE

FOR O.T. BELIEVERS
AB Lk. 16:22, PAR. Lk. 23:43

GREAT GULF FIXED

Luke 16:26

TORMENTS

For ALL UNBELIEVERS

Luke 16:28

TARTARUS

For Gen. 6 Fallen Angels
1 Pet.3:19-20, 2 Pet.2:4, Jude 1:6,
Mt. 25:41, Rev.19:20, 20:10

Eph. 4:8-10

3rd HEAVEN

New Paradise

FOR ALL BELIEVERS
2 Cor. 12:1-4, Phil. 1:21-24



THE GREAT WHITE THRONE

Rev. 20:11-15

LAKE OF FIRE

Rev. 20:15

(Heb.) TOPHET / HELL
(Gr.) GEHENNA / HELL

For ALL UNBELIEVERS

Matthew 28:1-15 Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. 2 And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. 3 And his appearance was like lightning, and his garment as white as snow; 4 and the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. 5 And the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. 6 "He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.

7 "And go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going before you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you." 8 And they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they shall see Me." 11 Now while they were on their way, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened.

12 And when they had assembled with the elders and counseled together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, 13 and said, "You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.' 14 "And if this should come to the governor's ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble." 15 And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews and is to this day.