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1 Cor. 15:16, “For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen.

1 Cor. 15:17, “And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!”

Dan. 12:2, “And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Dan. 12:3, “Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

Dan. 12:13, “But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.”

Heb. 9:27, “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,”

1 Cor. 15:51, “Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—

1 Cor. 15:52, “in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Cor. 15:53, “For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1 Cor. 15:54, “So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: ‘*Death is swallowed up in victory.*’

1 Cor. 15:55, “ ‘*O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?*’ ”

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Job 19:25, “For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth;

Job 19:26, “And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God,

Job 19:27, “Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!”

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Isa. 25:8, “He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.”

Heb. 11:17, “By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

Heb. 11:18, “of whom it was said, ‘In Isaac your seed shall be called,’

Heb. 11:19, “concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.”

2. The focus of the gospel message from the beginning of the Church Age has been on the reality of eternal life in a state of perfection—sinlessness, in perfect environment.

It is this hope based on our possession of forgiveness of sins that is at the heart of the gospel preaching throughout the Book of Acts.

a. In the resurrection we see that the Word of God is true, it is demonstrated by predicted prophecy and its literal, actual fulfillment.

Psalm 16:8–11 with Acts 2:14–36

Psalm 16 is written by David, a Michtam of David. As with Messianic Prophecy in the Psalms, David speaks for the Messiah in the 1st person, “I,” “me,” “my.”

Psa. 16:8, “I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

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Psa. 16:11, “You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

Acts 2:22, “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—

Acts 2:23, “Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;

Acts 2:24, “whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.”

Acts 2:25, “For David says concerning Him: ‘*I foresaw the LORD always before my face, for He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.*’ ”

Acts 2:26, “ ‘*Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.*’ ”

Acts 2:27, “ ‘*For You will not leave my soul in Hades, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.*’ ”

Acts 2:28, “ ‘*You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.*’ ”

Acts 2:29, “Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.”

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Acts 2:28, “ ‘You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.’ ” [Psa. 16:11]

Acts 2:30, “Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Messiah to sit on his throne,”

Acts 2:31, “he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Messiah, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.

Acts 2:32, “This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.”

b. Following the rejection of Jesus' claims to be the Messiah by the Pharisees, Jesus announced that the only sign that they would then see was the sign of Jonah the prophet.

Matt. 12:39, “But He answered and said to them, ‘An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

Matt. 12:40, “ ‘For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.’ ”

Matt. 12:41, “ ‘The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.’ ”

Matt. 16:4, “ ‘A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.’ And He left them and departed.”

At the beginning of His ministry Jesus had also predicted His death and resurrection.

John 2:18, “So the Jews answered and said to Him, ‘What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?’

John 2:19, “Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’

John 2:20, “Then the Jews said, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?’

John 2:21, “But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

John 2:22, “Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.”

c. The resurrection was at the heart of the announcement of forgiveness and eternal life.

Acts 13:17–41: Paul preaching in Antioch of Pisidia, south central modern Turkey.

The Background:

Acts 13:22, “And when He had removed him [Saul], He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’”

Acts 13:23, “From this man’s seed, according to the promise [2 Sam. 7 The Davidic Covenant], God raised up for Israel a Savior—Jesus—”

The Challenge:

Acts 13:26, “Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent.

Acts 13:27, “For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him.

Acts 13:28, “And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death.”

Acts 13:29, “Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb.

Acts 13:30, “But God raised Him from the dead.

Acts 13:31, “He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people.”

Acts 13:32, “And we declare to you glad tidings [good news! the gospel]—that promise which was made to the fathers.

Acts 13:33, “God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’ ”

Acts 13:34, “And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: ‘I will give you the sure mercies of David.’ ” Isa. 55:3

Isa. 55:3, “Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—The sure mercies of David.”

Acts 13:35, “Therefore He also says in another Psalm:
‘You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.’”

Acts 13:36, “For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption;

Acts 13:37, “but He whom God raised up saw no corruption.”

Acts 13:38, “Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins;

Acts 13:39, “and by Him everyone who believes is justified [declared righteous] from all things from which you could not be justified [declared righteous] by the law of Moses.”

Rom. 4:24, “but also for us. It [righteousness based on Gen. 15:6] shall be credited to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,

Rom. 4:25, “who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised for our justification [declaration of righteousness].”

The warning:

Quote from the Hebrew prophet Habakuk in 1:5

**Acts 13:41, “ ‘Behold, you despisers, marvel and perish!
For I work a work in your days, a work which you will by no
means believe, though one were to declare it to you.’ ”**

Conclusion:

- 1. The resurrection demonstrates the truth of the Hebrew scriptures and prophecies.**
- 2. The resurrection validates the claim that through Jesus' death God provides for us the forgiveness of sins and declares us righteous, which the Law could not do.**

3. At the instant of faith in Christ, one of the many things that is declared to be true of us at that moment, is that God the Holy Spirit identifies us with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ so that we can live a new life.

Rom. 6:4, “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Eph. 1:18, “the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Eph. 1:19, “and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

Eph. 1:20, “which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

Eph. 1:21, “far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.”

4. The resurrection of Christ was not a psychological event, it was not a mystical event, it was an event in space-time history, verified by hundreds of eyewitnesses, and recorded for all time.

1 Cor. 15:1, “Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the good news which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,

1 Cor. 15:2, “by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.”

1 Cor. 15:3, “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

1 Cor. 15:4, “and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

1 Cor. 15:5, “and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

1 Cor. 15:6, “After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.”

1 Cor. 15:7, “After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

1 Cor. 15:8, “Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

1 Cor. 15:9, “For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

1 Cor. 15:10, “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

1 Cor. 15:11, “Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.”

5. A short time before Jesus' own resurrection, He demonstrated His power over life and death by raising Lazarus from the dead. In His meeting with Lazarus' sister Martha He claimed:

John 11:21, “Now Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

John 11:22, “ ‘But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.’

John 11:23, “Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’

John 11:24, “Martha said to Him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.’ ”

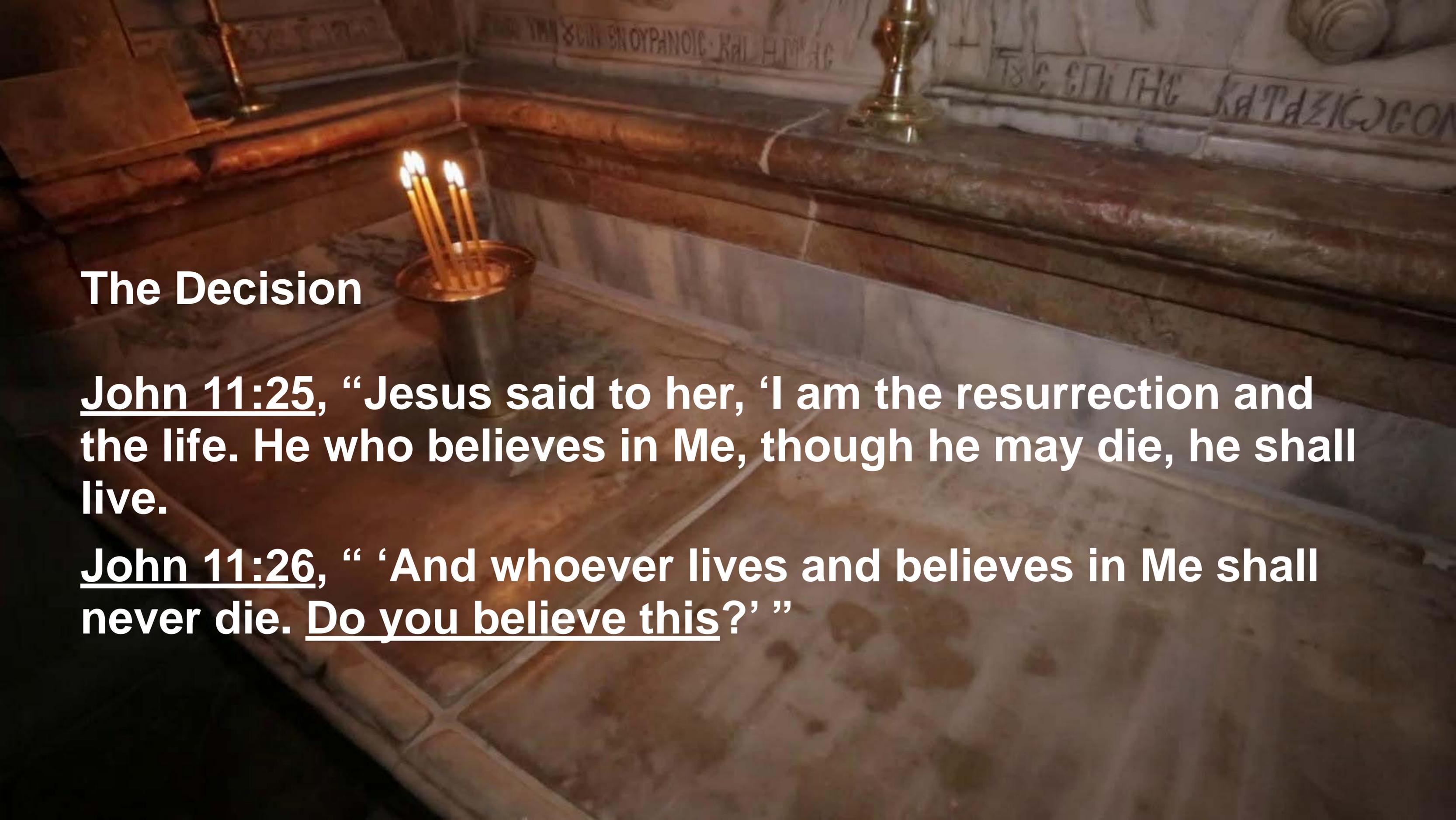
John 11:25, “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

John 11:26, “ ‘And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?’

John 11:27, “She said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.’ ”

Conclusion:

- 1. Ancient Hebrew prophets foresaw a future resurrection of all humans to either eternity with God or eternal punishment.**
- 2. Hebrew prophets foretold and depicted the resurrection of the Messiah from the dead.**
- 3. Jesus Himself predicted His death and resurrection.**
- 4. The resurrection of Christ validates the claim that through His death, forgiveness of sin and eternal life are freely given to those who trust in Him alone for salvation.**



The Decision

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