

HOW MANY RESURRECTIONS ARE THERE?

**Biblical Resurrections - People that were raised from the dead but who would die again.
In other words, they were raised but not to eternal life.**

1. Elijah raised the son of Zarephath's widow.	1 Kings 17:17-24
2. Elisha raised the son of the great Shunammite woman.	2 Kings 4: 20-37
3. A dead man comes back to life when he touches Elisha's bones.	2 Kings 13:20-21
4. Jesus resurrects the widow's son at Nain.	Matthew 9:25
5. Many saints resurrected at Jesus' crucifixion.	Matthew 27:52-53
6. Jesus raised the Synagogue ruler Jairus' 12-year-old daughter.	Mark 5:35-43
7. Jesus raises Lazarus.	John 11:1-44
8. Peter raises a female disciple named Tabitha from the dead.	Acts 9:36-42
9. Paul raises Eutychus from the dead.	Acts 20:9-12

EVERYONE Will Be Resurrected!

Bible Reference	Question	Answer
John 5:24-29*	All will hear the voice of Jesus, but what are the two resurrections He's talking about here?	The Resurrection of Life
		The Resurrection of Condemnation
*Those who have done good and those who have done evil (worthless things) by themselves might imply a salvation by good deeds or damnation because of evil deeds, but a consideration of John's theology as a whole forbids this (cf. 3:17-21; 6:28-29). Those who are truly born again do live a different kind of life. They obey Him (14:15), they abide in Him (15:5-7), and they walk in the light (8:12; 1 John 1:7). They are saved by the Lamb of God who, as their substitutionary Sacrifice, takes away the penalty of their sin. Salvation is by faith in Christ. Damnation is because of rejection of God's Son (John 3:36).(Bible Knowledge Commentary)		
Acts 24:10-15	What two resurrections does Paul mention?	The Just
	Is there a third group besides the two Paul mentions? Explain.	The Unjust
No. People are either Justified or Unjustified.		
The Bible uses many terms in place of resurrections:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The First Resurrection. • The Second Death. • The Firstfruits. • The Resurrection of Life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Resurrection of Condemnation. • Resurrection of the just. • Resurrection of the unjust. 	
Resurrection of the Just (<i>Three Stages</i>) A.K.A. <u>The First Resurrection</u> <i>John 5:29 - Acts 24:15 - Revelation 20:5-6</i>	Resurrection of the Unjust A.K.A. <u>The Second Death</u> <i>Revelation 20:6, 11, 13-15; 2 Peter 3:7</i>	

Resurrection of the Righteous to Eternal Life

A.K.A. The First Resurrection

Why Do We Say The First Resurrection Occurs in *THREE* Stages?

1 Corinthians 15:20-24	Stage/Transition	Explanation
<p>20. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the <u>FIRSTFRUITS</u> of those who have fallen asleep.</p> <p>21. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.</p> <p>22. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.</p> <p>23. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits.</p>	<p>1. FIRST</p> <p><u>BUT EACH ONE IN HIS OWN ORDER</u>: Christ [is] the firstfruits.</p>	<p>1. Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the <u>FIRSTFRUITS</u> of those who have fallen asleep. He has come back to life, never to die again.</p>
<p>23. <u>AFTERWARD</u> those who are Christ's at His coming</p>	<p>2. SECOND Rapture</p>	<p>2. Those resurrected AFTER Christ returns.</p>
<p>24. <u>THEN</u> comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.</p>	<p>3. THIRD Eternal Kingdom</p>	<p>4. At the close of the Millennium, Christ will raise all unjustified to the Great White Throne Judgement.</p>

BREAK IT DOWN IN THE CHART BELOW:

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Three Stages
1 Corinthians 15:20-24

Why Do We Say The First Resurrection Occurs in Stages?

STAGES	VERSES	WHO	WHEN	HARVEST
Stage One <i>Firstfruits</i>	1 Cor. 15:20-24	Christ	Christ was the first to rise from the dead never again to die.	Christ is the firstfruits
Stage Two <i>Rapture</i>	John 14:1-3	The Church	At the Rapture	General Harvest
	1 Thess. 4:16-17			The Rapture fulfills the promise Jesus made to The Church.
Stage Three <i>2nd Coming</i>	Rev. 20:4; 6	Tribulation Saints	At the end of the Tribulation	Gleanings
	Daniel 12:1-2	OT Saints	At the end of the Tribulation	Gleanings

The Stages Of The Harvest Correspond To The Stages Of The Resurrection

In Bible times the harvest was conducted in three stages. It began with the gathering of the first fruits which were offered as a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God. It proceeded with the general harvest. But not all was taken in this harvest. Some of the crop was left in the field to be gathered by the poor and the needy. This was called the gleanings.

Leviticus 19:9-10*	1 Corinthians 15:20-24
<p>9. 'When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest.</p> <p>10. And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I am the Lord your God.</p>	<p>20. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.</p> <p>21. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.</p> <p>22. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.</p> <p>23. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.</p> <p>24. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.</p>

Stages	Harvest Imagery	Resurrection Stages
<p>Stage One:</p> <p>1. Firstfruits 2. Christ</p>	<p>Gathering of the firstfruits which were offered as a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God.</p>	<p>Christ is the Firstfruits: the first to be resurrected never again to die.</p>
<p>Stage Two:</p> <p>1. General Harvest 2. Rapture of The Church</p>	<p>Most of the crop was gathered, but some was left in the field for the poor.</p>	<p>The Rapture will gather The Church Age Saints (believers both living and dead). John 14:1-3 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</p>
<p>Stage Three:</p> <p>1. Gleanings 2. Trib & OT Saints</p>	<p>Last of the crop to be harvested by the poor</p>	<p>At the end of the Tribulation when the Lord's Second Coming takes place, two groups are resurrected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribulation martyrs (Revelation 20:4). • Old Testament saints (Dan 12:1-2).

OTHER RESURRECTIONS?

1. There may be another resurrection at the end of the Millennium, one which is implied, but never explicitly stated in Scripture.
2. It is possible that some believers will die a physical death during the Millennium. Through the prophet Isaiah, God said, "No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his days; for the youth will die at the age of one hundred and the one who does not reach the age of one hundred will be thought accursed" (Isaiah 65:20).
3. On the other hand, it is also possible that death in the Millennium will only come to the disobedient.
4. In either event, some kind of transformation will be required to fit believers in their natural bodies in the Millennium for pristine existence throughout eternity.
5. Each believer will need to have a "resurrected" type of body.
6. It is clear from Scripture that God will destroy the entire universe, including the earth, with fire (2 Peter 3:7-12).
7. This will be necessary to purge God's creation of its endemic evil and decay brought upon it by man's sin.
8. In its place God will create a new heaven and a new earth (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1-4).
9. But what will happen to those believers who survived the Tribulation and entered the Millennium in their natural bodies?
10. And what will happen to those who were born during the Millennium, trusted in Jesus, and continued to live in their natural bodies?
11. Paul has made it clear that flesh and blood, which is mortal and able to decay, cannot inherit the kingdom of God. That eternal kingdom is inhabitable only by those with resurrected, glorified bodies that are no longer mortal and are not able to decay (1 Corinthians 15:35-49).
12. Presumably, these believers will be given resurrection bodies without having to die.
13. Precisely when this happens is not explained, but theologically, it must happen somewhere in the transition from the old earth and universe to the new earth and new heaven (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1-4).
14. We also must not forget the resurrection of the two witnesses that will occur in the Great Tribulation (Rev. 11:3, 11).

Final Resurrection of the Unjust

A.K.A. The Second Death

Revelation 20:6, 11, 13-15; 2 Peter 3:7

The Certainty of Judgment

Resurrection will be followed by judgment.

- ❖ Solomon wrote, *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. 14 For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.* Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
- ❖ The apostle Paul emphasized the certainty of judgment. In Romans 2:16 he wrote, *...God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.*
- ❖ And in Romans 14:10,12 he stated, *But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ; So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.*
- ❖ The writer to the Hebrews summed it up succinctly: *And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.* Hebrews 9:27

When and where will the judgment of the Redeemed take place?

- The Bible indicates the judgment of believers who have lived and died during the Church Age will occur in Heaven before the judgment seat of Jesus, immediately following the Rapture of the Church (2 Corinthians 5:10 and Revelation 19:6-9).
- Those who are saved and martyred during the Tribulation will be judged at the end of that period when they are resurrected at the Second Coming of Christ (Revelation 20:4).
- The Tribulation saints who live to the end of that terrible period are another group that will be judged at the Second Coming of Jesus in "the sheep and goat judgment" portrayed in Matthew 25:31-46.
- The Old Testament saints will also be judged at the time of the Second Coming (Ezekiel 20:34-38).
- All the unrighteous who have ever lived will be resurrected and judged at the end of the millennial reign of Jesus.

Bible Verse	Question	Answer
Revelation 20:11-15 1 Corinthians 15:20-28	Name this resurrection and judgement?	The Great White Throne judgement.
	Who stands at this judgement?	The dead - anyone not found written in the book of life.
John 5:24 John 12:48	How does one find himself at the Great White Throne?	By rejecting Jesus and not receiving His words.
How does an understanding of the resurrections (especially the GWT) impact us for witnessing to the unsaved?		
IF a person reaches the GWT, it's all over. There are no more opportunities to accept the word of the Lord and be saved. The consequence, then, is eternal separation from God, in Hell.		