



Raised from the dead

We all have heard or know someone dear to us that has died. Few of us know one who was raised from the dead.

Main Text: Matthew 10:7-8 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

What is known to few people is that Jesus gave us authority and power to raise the dead. This was speaking of literally physically dead. He modeled that when He raised various people back to life. One challenge that many of us have is once a person is buried, we won't believe any further. There is no faith left that could raise that person from the dead.

Notice that the same faith that heals the sick is the same faith that is supposed to raise the dead and cast out devils.

- 1) In the OT, three people were raised from the dead:
 - Raised by Elijah (1 Kings 17:22),
 - Raised by Elisha (2 Kings 4:35)
 - One came back to life as he touched Elisha's bones (2 Kings 13:21)

- 2) Jesus raised 3 people from the dead that we have recorded in the Scriptures:
 - Widows' son - Luke 7:11-17
 - Jairus' daughter Matthew 9:25, Mark 9:25 and Luke 8:55)
 - Lazarus - John 11:44

- 3) Peter Acts 9:40 — Dorcas
- 4) Paul Acts 20:9-12 — Man who fell out of window.
- 5) Paul was raised from the dead after being stoned and left for dead — Acts 14:19-20. He was stoned and his killers only stopped knowing he had died.
- 6) Saints resurrected at Jesus' crucifixion — Matthew 27:52
- 7) Jesus, the resurrection and the life, our Champion, Lord and Savior was raised from the dead 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 20-21; Ephesians 1:20

We have hope for the resurrection because Jesus rose from the dead and demonstrated the power of God to raise people from the dead.