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# The Resurrection on the Last Day

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All through the New Testament the Christians greatest hope is the hope of the resurrection. Christ has promised that He will raise his people from their graves to eternal life. Christ's people will be raised to live in immortal bodies in the new earth where there is no death or sickness. Talking to the Jews on this event Christ says



**John 5: 24-29** “I tell you the solemn truth, the one who hears my message and believes the one who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned, but has crossed over from death to life. 25 I tell you the solemn truth, a time is coming—and is now here—when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. 26 For just as the Father has life in himself, thus he has granted the Son to have life in

himself, 27 and he has granted the Son authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. 28 “Do not be amazed at this, because a time is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice 29 and will come out—the ones who have done what is good to the resurrection resulting in life, and the ones who have done what is evil to the resurrection resulting in condemnation.” NET

If a person believes in Jesus and in the Father who sent him is assured of everlasting life. He will not be condemned in the judgment. Jesus says that the work of judging is his so he will decide who inherits eternal life and who doesn't. Jesus will raise all people to life from their graves by the divine power that is in his voice. There are two resurrections, one to life without judgment and the other to condemnation to face judgment

**John 6:39- 40** “Now this is the will of the one who sent me—that I should not lose one person of every one he has given me, but raise them all up at the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father—for everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him to have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.” NET

Here Jesus says that he will raise his people to life on what he refers to as the “last day”.

**John 6:43-44** “Jesus replied, “Do not complain about me to one another. 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.” NET

Any person who accepts Jesus as saviour has been drawn to him by the Father. Again Jesus refers to the resurrection as taking place on the last day. This last day is the last day of the earths history. The Apostle Paul writing to the Thessalonian church about this event says-

**1 Thess 4:15-17** “For we tell you this by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not go ahead of those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a shout of command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be suddenly caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord.” NET

The dead in their graves are referred to as being asleep. They will be awakened from the sleep of death by the voice of Christ himself. The Lord himself will descend from heaven and with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, will raise the dead to life. Those who are still living at this time will be caught up (ie Raptured or Translated) with the resurrected dead to meet Christ in the air. This is the last day that Jesus spoke about.

Popular heresy in Christian churches today teaches that this event marks the beginning of a seven year tribulation. The truth is there is no seven years of tribulation after the last day. If there were Jesus wouldn't have called the day of the resurrection “the last day”.

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