

If Jesus is God, how can He have died?

Jesus is the God-Man, truly God and truly perfect Man.

God the Son, Jesus who existed as part of the Godhead, Father, Son and Spirit, never left to bosom of His Father in spirit when He was born to the virgin Mary. Jesus simply added human flesh to His eternal existence and position.

- John 1:18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who **is in the bosom of the Father**, He has declared Him.
- Luke 1:37 "For with God **nothing** will be **impossible**."

God the Son cannot die, but Jesus, the perfect Man, did die. When He had finished His perfect sacrificial death and breathed His last, Jesus, God the Son, released His eternal Godhead Spirit back to His eternal home in the heavens.

- John 19:30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, **He gave up His spirit**.

At that exact point Jesus' physical body ceased to function as the heart ceased to pump blood throughout the body and the brain waves ceased.

Jesus' body was taken down from the execution cross, wrapped in burial clothes and placed in a tomb carved out from the rocks which had not been used.

- John 19:38-42 After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus. And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the **body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices**, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a **new tomb in which no one had yet been laid**. So **there they laid Jesus**, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.

Three days later, God the Father, sent life back into the dead body of Jesus and raised Him from the dead with resurrection power.

- Luke 24:1-7 Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and **did not find the body of the Lord Jesus**. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "**Why do you**

seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' "

The Lord gave us an illustration of God's unlimited Sovereign, Creative Resurrection power when He gave the vision of this same power to the prophet Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 37

1 The hand of the Lord came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. 2 Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. 3 And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

So I answered, "O Lord God, You know."

4 Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! 5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. 6 I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the Lord." ' "

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

9 Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ' " 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and **breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.**

11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' 12 Therefore prophecy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "**Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.** 13 Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. 14 **I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken it and performed it,"** says the Lord.' "

God will do the same for us, His children by faith, just as He did Jesus to be with Him in heaven in perfect joy forever.

- 1 Corinthians 6:14 And God both **raised** up the Lord and will **also** raise us up **by His power**.

- Romans 4:20-25 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and **being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform**. And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness." Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, but also for us. **It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him** who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

Our prayer is that everyone we touch by telling the Greatest Love Story Ever Told! will also believe in Jesus Christ. The trust and belief in Jesus opens to us the resurrection power which God will exercise on our behalf to raise us from the dead and bring us to the home He has prepared for us heaven.

- John 14:1-6 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you**. And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also**. And where I go you know, and the way you know." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through Me**."

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