

No One Ever Rose Again Like That Man Did

Series: Why Would You Follow That Man?

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Just as Jesus Himself was unique, one of a kind, no equal, so what happened after His death was also unique. It was a game-changer for mankind. It was more than just a great miracle; it was the key to unlocking death for every man. This message is not just about the resurrection but about His return to heaven and His coronation to the right hand of the throne of God where He now reigns as King.

Jesus is not the only person to come back to life after death:

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| 1 Kings 17:17-24 | Elijah | The Widow of Zarephath's son |
| 2 Kings 4:32-37 | Elisha | The Shunammite's son |
| 2 Kings 13:20-21 | Elisha | A man thrown into Elisha's tomb |
| Luke 7:11-17 | Jesus | The Widow of Nain's son |
| Mark 5:35-43 | Jesus | Jarius' daughter |
| John 11:39-44 | Jesus | Lazarus |
| Matthew 27:52-53 | | Many saints rose at Jesus' resurrection |
| Acts 9:40 | Peter | Tabitha (Dorcas) |
| Acts 20:9-10 | Paul | Eutychus |

- All of these died again
- God did not vest resurrection authority in any of these (John 5:25-30)

When you think “resurrection” think gospel because the gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. 1 Cor.15:1-4 1 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance : that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

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- Because when He rose from the grave Jesus proved His authority.
 - John 2:18-22 18 The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?” 19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.” 20 They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” 21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.;

- Matt.12:39-40 39 He answered, “A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.;
- Rom.1:4 4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Because when He rose from the dead He paid the debt of sin. 1 Cor.15:16-17 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.
- Because when He rose from the dead He became the one mediator between God and man. 1 Tim.2:5 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,
- Because when He rose from the dead He made it possible for us to have eternal life by destroying the enemy death.
 - 2 Tim.1:9b-10 9 He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ;
 - 1 Cor.15:20-28 20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. 28 When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.
- Because when He rose from the dead He was crowned King of kings and Lord of lords at the right hand of God. Acts 2:24-36

24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. 25 David said about him: “ I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, 27

because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’ 29 “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “ ‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand 35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” ’ 36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

All other leaders died, are buried, and will remain so until Jesus Christ comes again. Buddha, Mohammed, Moses, Bahauallah, Mao, Marx, all dead and buried.

Here is their future:

Heb.9:27,28 “Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgement, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.”

I follow THAT man because He is coming back again because He is not dead. I am waiting for THAT MAN. But in the meantime, I am going to follow THAT Man. Won't you?