

He was raised on the third day

/Last Sunday, we started to look at the unique humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ.\

Let's recap what we saw last Sunday.

We began with His birth. His was a unique birth, never to be repeated again. Born of a woman. Not born of a man.

/A virgin was with child. This child was conceived by the power of the Most High God. *Luke 1:26-35.*\

/And for the first and only time, a human being was born without sin. *2 Cor 5:21; Heb 4:15; 1Jo 3:5.*\

/And for the first and only time, a child born of a woman was also - God. *Isa 9:6; John 1:14; Col 2:9.*\

His name is Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Son of God left the glories of heaven and became poor for our sake. He became obedient to the will of His Father, onto the death of the cross. *Phil 2:5-8*

/He bore our sins in His human body on the cross.\

1 Peter 2:21-24

21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. 25

/He was buried in a rich man's tomb. But death could not hold Him. \

Acts 2:22-24

22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know — 23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. 24 "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

*/On the third day, God the Father raised Jesus from the dead in a new glorious, immortal, resurrected human body. *

1 Cor 15:3-8

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

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For the first time in human history, there was a resurrection from the dead that was more than a restoration (like Lazarus's was).

/Lazarus remained in a body that was earthly and mortal. Jesus was raised in a resurrection body that is heavenly and immortal.\

John 20:19-29

19 So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 "If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained."

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

26 After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing." 28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

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/His resurrection body was a human body that had many of the same characteristics of the body that went into the grave. \

It had the same imprints from the nails in His hands and feet (John 20:25-29). The resurrection body still had the wound where the soldier's sword had pierced His side (John 20:25-29).

The disciples recognized Him.

He was not a ghost, but could be touched and embraced.

His resurrection body had flesh and bones (Luke 24:38-40).

/However, in other respects, His resurrection body was radically different.\

For example, He was not subject to the limitations of time or space.

He could pass through walls. (Luke 24:36; John 20:19)

And He could appear and disappear at will (Luke 24:15, John 20:19).

1 Cor 15:42-47

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; 43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. 45 So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. 47 The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven.

The body that Jesus received at His birth was earthly and mortal. His resurrection body is heavenly and immortal.

/Forty (40) days after Jesus was raised from the dead, He ascended into heaven in a human body.\

Acts 1:1-11

The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen.

3 To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God. 4 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. 11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

/When He reached heaven, He was highly exalted.

Acts 2:32-36

32 "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. 34 "For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says:

*'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 the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ — this Jesus whom you crucified."

/Then God the Father seated Jesus Christ our Lord at His right hand, the hand of power and authority.

Eph 1:18-23

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might 20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

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/Christ is the first resurrected Man to enter heaven.\

Heb 1:1-4

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. 3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

/The Lord Jesus Christ is now the Son of God in a glorified human body. \

His humanity and His deity are inseparable. He is one person. WE can't forget that as we consider the wonders of His humanity.

/He is glorified and exalted in both His deity and His humanity now.\

John 17:5

5 "Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

/He radiates the glory He had as the Son of God before the world began.\

/And now He has the added glory of victory, in His humanity, over sin and death.\

Phil 2:8-11

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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His glory and exaltation now in heaven is both a return to the glory He had as the Son of God before the world began AND the glorification of His humanity.

1 Tim 6:14-16

that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which He will bring about at the proper time — He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

/The resurrected, ascended, and seated Christ is a completely new kind of Man. \

In His humanity, He is superior to man as originally created. In His glorified humanity, He is also superior to the human nature He had before the resurrection.

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