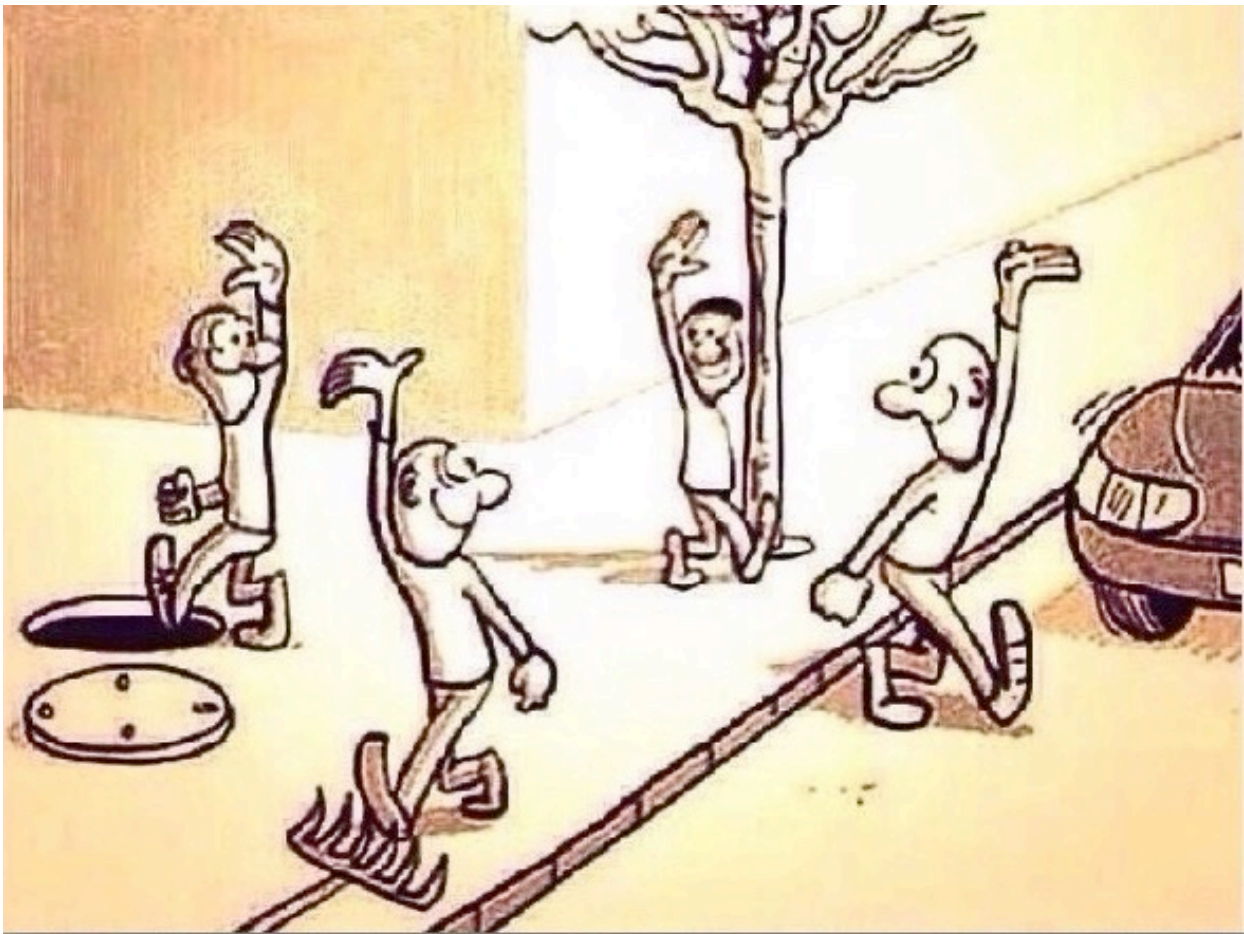


Do you have a date with Destiny?

Following, are just two main pages of “the nuts and bolts” of Resurrection and Eternal Judgment, how Holy Writ “lays it out” and puts it together.



Death and/or Resurrection Criteria	Scripture Sites
<p>The Foundational and Elementary Doctrine of Christ/what Jesus taught.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - repentance from dead works - faith towards God - instruction about washings - the laying on of hands - the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. 	<p>Hebrews 6:1-2 “..let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.</p>
<p>Hearing and obeying the Word of Christ and believing in our Father is what’s needed for avoiding judgment and receiving eternal life.</p>	<p>John 5:24, see also vv19-30 “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life”.</p>
<p>There are two resurrections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Resurrection of Life and - the Resurrecion of Judgment 	<p>John 5:28-29 “Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice (the voice of the Son of Man) and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment”.</p>
<p>The Resurrection on the Last Day is when each person will face judgment, either of Life or of Judgment on the last day of our lives, when our bodies die.</p> <p>~see 1 Corinthians 15:50-57. The Resurrection of Life is accompanied by the changing of each believer’s body into an imperishable, immortal body. “The trumpet” that heralds this change, I believe is the Voice of our Lord Jesus when we hear His voice at the time of the death of our mortal bodies, just as His voice raised Lazarus.</p>	<p>John 11:23-27 “Jesus said to her (to Martha), “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world”.</p> <p>John 11:43-44 “When he (Jesus) had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”</p>

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<p>The importance of maintaining an Eternal Claim of Resurrection and Eternal Judgment.</p>	
<p>What's already happened!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Satan has been bound since the death and resurrection of Jesus ~cf. Hebrews 2:14-15 & John 12:30-32. - We now enforce the judgment that took place on Calvary, ~cf. Matthew 16:16-19. - The thousand years is a metaphor of the times in which we live and how we live in these times ~cf. 2 Peter 3:8-9 & Romans 5:17. 	<p>Revelation 20:1-3 "I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while".</p>
<p>What is happening now!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When we come to life in Christ, we're resurrected from the dead: "...you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked", ~Ephesians 2:1, "But God .. made us alive together with Christ", ~2:4 & 5. - Therefore, the thousand years being "the term(s)/time periods and aggregation of all believing individual's lifetimes' terms" makes sense, for this - apart from those who have not yet come alive in Christ - is the first resurrection. Otherwise, the Resurrection of Judgment wouldn't make sense. It would have to be reserved for "some other time" but it's happening now when "the dead" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - those who are still dead in their sins - die, they are 'called up for judgment! 	<p>Revelation 20:4-6 "Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.</p>
<p>What's happening eternally!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The first resurrection, Christ's resurrection took place, and is now effectively taking place as each believer in Christ was raised with Him by His resurrection, and as we-believers are abiding in this state of resurrection life in Christ. 	<p>Ephesians 1:18a, 19-20 & 2:4a & 6. "having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know ... what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places" ... "God .. raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus".</p>



"Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.

They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you", ~John 20:11-19.

A Take-Away Snippet!

It may be important to note: the time-factor and timing of eternal judgment and resurrection is not very evident or plain in most of our literal English, Bible translations, although it occurs here:

“Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, **and is now here**, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live”, ~John 5:2, ESV.

A most important passage is in John 5:24-32 where Kenneth Weust’s translation brings out the Greek grammar’s indications of timing(s).

vv24-27

Most assuredly I am saying to you: He who habitually hears my word and **is believing** the One who sent me has life eternal, and into judgment he does not come, but has been permanently transferred out of the sphere of death into the life.

Most assuredly I am saying to you: There comes an hour and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those having heard shall live.

For as the Father has **life** in himself, so also He gave to the Son to be having life in himself. And authority He gave Him to be executing judgment because he is a son of man.

vv28-29

Stop marvelling at this, because **there comes an hour** (ESV: “an hour is coming”) **in which** all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice and shall come out, those who did the good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced the evil things, to a resurrection of judgment.

It’s most common that the English translations project this activity of eternal judgment into the future: “an hour is coming” whereas the Greek verb ἔρχομαι *erchomai*, is a **present** tense, **middle-passive** voice and **indicative** mood.

Therefore, it’s Christ’s statement (indicative mood) about the timing of eternal judgment: “there comes an hour”. The middle passive voice of the verb makes it as though “time itself” is doing the judging, like: everyone dies some **time**.

Weust’s translation also uses “in which” as reinforcing the present tense of the verb. Other versions use “when”, which also infers a future action or occasion. “..there comes a time in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice” is a self-claim of Christ’s and He backs it up in the following verse.

v30

As for myself, I am not able to be doing even one thing by myself. Even as I hear, I judge. And the judgment which is mine is a just one, because I am not seeking the desire which is mine but the desire of the One who sent me.

It's plain then, while Eternal Judgment is "in the hands" of the Son, and can happen "any time" it's still "in the bosom" of our Father.

Oh prodigal son or daughter! Come home!



May your Saviour's and your Father's voice come to you through these recorded words of Jesus':

And Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them.

Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.

So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’

And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in.

His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’

And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found’ “, ~Luke 15:11-32.

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I PETER 1:8-9

