

What this rising from the dead might mean

- Mark 9:10

This Rising from the Dead

"So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean." (ESV)

- Not literally... they could grasp the meaning of resurrection
- They had been with Jesus when He raised Jairus' daughter from the dead (Mark 5:21-43)

"And they seized upon that statement, discussing with one another what rising from the dead might mean." (NASB 1977)

- They were fixated on the implications of Jesus' personal "rising from the dead"
- They questioned the impact of His resurrection on the inauguration of the Messianic Kingdom
- They debated, in the big picture, "what this rising from the dead might mean?"

Jesus is the Son of God

"who was... declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 1:3-4)

- The message of salvation and the promised good news (Acts 13:26-33)
- Through "this rising from the dead" the Father "brought forth" Jesus as His Son
 - "You are my Son, today I have begotten you." (Ps. 2:7)
 - "He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent." (Col. 1:18)
- He is the Son who loves us, freed us, and made us a kingdom (Rev. 1:5-6)
 - "Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead..."

We Have a Living Hope

"According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Pet. 1:3)

- Born again to a living hope
- Born again to a heavenly inheritance
- Guarded by power through our faith in "this rising from the dead"
 - "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Rom. 10:9)
 - "if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." (1 Cor. 15:17)
 - "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits..." (1 Cor. 15:20)

We Are Delivered from Wrath

"For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come." (1 Thess. 1:9-10)

- "This rising from the dead" is the heart of the gospel of our salvation:
 - Faith in the powerful working of God (Col. 2:12)
 - "who raised him from the dead"
 - Repentance motivated by assurance of righteous judgment (Acts 17:30-31)
 - "by raising Him from the dead"
 - Baptism the appeal to God that saves us (1 Pet. 3:21)
 - "through the resurrection of Jesus Christ"



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What does this rising from the dead mean to you?