

## What Is Meant by the Resurrection of the Body?

Have you ever thought of the physical resurrection of the body as a spiritual resurrection that only seems physical? Here's what I mean. Technically, from a quantum point of view, our physical bodies don't exist. All that actually exists, in the exact "current moment" in space/time, is a range of super-positioned quantum possibilities. Technically, the microscopic components of our physical bodies blink into and out of existence with each passing Planck unit of space/time. In other words, our bodies are not physical at all. When we are "resurrected" and given spiritual bodies in the heavenlies, our physical bodies are not resuscitated. They don't even exist. Even if you believe they exist in the present, they won't exist after they decay in the ground, and most certainly will not exist hundreds of years from now at some future supposed general resurrection date. Technically, there will be no physical bodies to resurrect.

So, what is the meaning of resurrection in the Bible? Well, on the surface it appears that the physical body is resuscitated, as with Lazarus and Jesus, as evidenced by the empty tomb and post-resurrection appearances. But what really happened? I don't believe that actual physical bodies were resurrected. Lazarus' body was changed. His old body disappeared and he was simultaneously given a new body to replace his old body. The new body he was given was suitable for life on earth, not heaven. Jesus' old body also disappeared, but he was given a spiritual body suitable for life in the heavenlies. It temporarily had the appearance of a physical body, and you could even touch and feel it, but that was only an illusion, as evidenced by the fact that Jesus could appear and disappear and even walk through walls.

Paul said, in 1 Cor. 15, our fleshly bodies (ie. flesh and blood) cannot inherit immortality. Instead we will be given new bodies, spiritual bodies suitable for life in heaven. So the only question remains, when does this happen, immediately upon death or at some future resurrection date? Since I believe we are basically spiritual, not physical beings, I believe this happens immediately upon death. If in fact it happens at a future date, it would certainly "seem" to us as though it were immediately upon death. Time is measured differently in the heavenlies than here on earth.