

Alive for evermore!

Some people claim to have been clinically dead, to have briefly tasted life after death, and then the human spirit has returned to its body to resume normal life.

But even if true, that is not resurrection. Those people later died and did not live again.

By contrast, when Jesus rose from the dead he declared himself victor over death – “I am alive for evermore!” is his triumphant cry. Revelation 1.18.

After Christ's resurrection eye-witnesses saw that the very same body which had suffered crucifixion was now no longer subject to ordinary physical limitations.

Jesus passed through closed doors (appearing and disappearing at will!) John 20.19,26, and he even defied the law of gravity. Acts 1.9.

What is the importance of all this? It means that Jesus' resurrection shows that *death is conquered!* And since only Jesus Christ achieved this, what he says as to life and death is crucial.

He said, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, even though he dies, he shall live.” John 11.25-26.

How could we not be interested in this victory over death, together with forgiveness of our sin and the promise of life lived in God's presence for evermore!

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Jesus “appeared to more than 500 at one time” 1 Corinthians 15.6.

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