

If You
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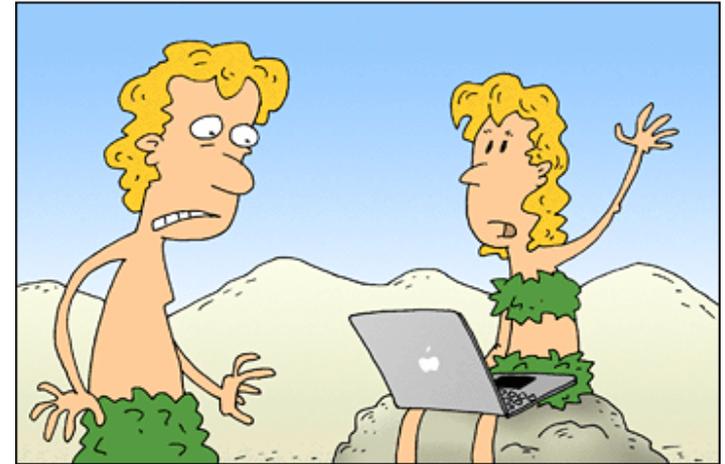
History of Death

- When God created Man the purpose was for them to live happily!
- “So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. **28** Then God **blessed** them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” Genesis 1:27-28

Ummm, Sounds great

- Well it is great....but **there's a catch!!** Man had to pass a test of obedience and submission to his creator!!
 - “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; **17**but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely **die**.” Genesis 2:16-17

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I KNOW WE CAN'T AFFORD IT BUT THAT SERPENT IS SO CONVINCING AND YOU KNOW I CAN'T RESIST APPLES

DIE!!!

- Do you think Adam thought about the meaning of the word **DIE**?
- **Die**, means; finished, gone without return. If your dead, your dead!!



Guess what?

- Adam & Eve both ate from the tree and regardless of the excuses, **Death** was the penalty!! But it wasn't only them that died!!
 - “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and **death through sin**, and thus **death spread to all men, because all sinned**—“ Romans 5:12

The Reign of Death!!

- Since then, everyone died, regardless how rich or poor, how old or young!
- People feared Death because it is the unknown, hopeless and definite end of their lives. **NO HOPE, Finished, Gone!!**



"It's not that I'm afraid of dying, Doctor...
it's just that I don't want to be there when it happens!"

No, It is not Finished!!

- “For if by the **one man’s** offense **death** reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in **life** through the **One, Jesus Christ**“ Romans 5:17

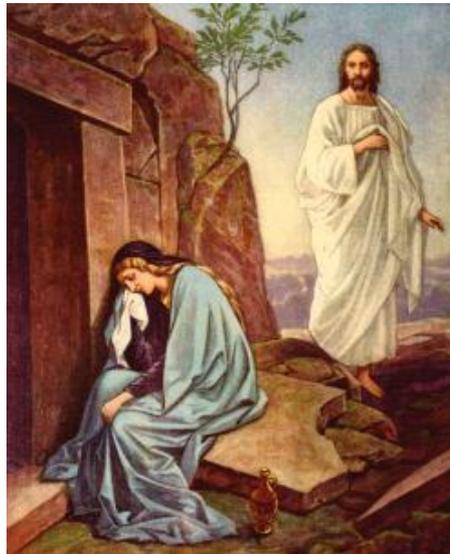
Plan of Salvation



- It was not good enough that Jesus would die for our sins while we were still **Dying!**
- He had to take our punishment, **DEATH**. But He had to overcome **DEATH** so we can overcome it too.
- Because, what is the point of saving us if we still get the **eternal** punishment - **DEATH?**

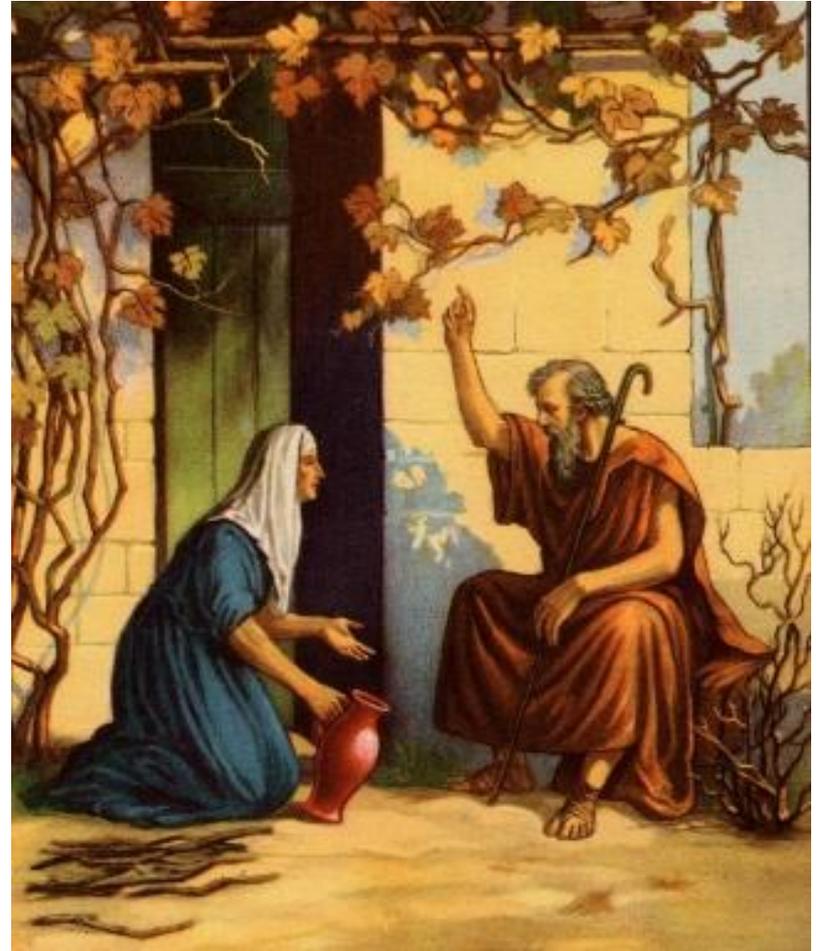
Resurrection, is it possible?

- All through the old testament two concepts had to be introduced to people:
 1. People can rise from the dead!
 2. The saviour, The Messiah will rise from the dead!



Can People rise from the dead?

- In 1 Kings, Elijah was staying at the woman's house who he blessed her little flour and oil during the famine.
- The woman had an only son who got very sick and died. Oops!!



1 kings 19:22

- **“And he said to her, “Give me your son.” So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. 20 Then he cried out to the LORD and said, “O LORD my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?” 21 And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, “O LORD my God, I pray, let this child’s soul come back to him.” 22 Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.”**

Back to life by chance!!

- “Then Elisha died, and they buried him. And the *raiding* bands from Moab invaded the land in the spring of the year. **21** So it was, as they were burying a man, that suddenly they spied a band *of raiders*; and they put the man in the tomb of Elisha; and when the man was let down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.” 2 kings 13

Contemplate!!

- Elijah had to stretch over the boy's dead body **THREE** times
- And Elisha, **the dead**, made a dead man alive again!!



SEE THE LINK??

Our Lord was dead for 3 days.....

When we die in the faith our Lords death will raise us up again.....

The concept of the Messiah rising from the dead

- The only old testament symbol of Resurrection that **Jesus** referred to was Jonah.
 - “For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.” Matthew 12:40



The concept of the Messiah rising from the dead

- And as Jonah came out alive against all the odds so Jesus came out alive from the heart of the earth!!
- Another graphic prophecy in Hosea 6

The concept of the Messiah rising from the dead

- **Hosea 6**
- **1** “Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. **2** After two days He will revive us; On the **third day** He will **raise** us up, That we may live in His sight.”

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The concept of the Messiah rising from the dead

- The psalms are full of prophecies about Resurrection. That's why we pray with psalms during Passion Week!!
 - “I lay down and slept;
I awoke, for the LORD sustained me.”
psalm2:5

Psalm 16

- This psalm, St Peter referred to on the day of Pentecost converting 3000 people to Christianity.
- “For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.” psalm 16:10

The Famous Isaiah 53!!

- **10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him;
He has put *Him* to grief.
When You make His soul an offering for
sin,
He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong
His days,
And the pleasure of the LORD shall
prosper in His hand.
11 He shall see the labor of His
soul, **[b]** *and* be satisfied.
By His knowledge My righteous Servant
shall justify many,
For He shall bear their iniquities.**

And Finally The Famous Isaiah 53

- **12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.**

- **Glory Be to God Forever...**

