

The Power of Jesus's Voice and Word

Mr 5:22 And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, **23** And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.

The verse between are the story of the woman with the issue of blood who touched Jesus's garment and was made whole.

35 While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? **36** As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. **37** And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. **38** And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. **39** And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. **40** And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. **41** And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. **42** And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. **43** And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

The young child: In this scene, we see that the voice of Jesus was heard, by the dead body, and brought life to a young child.

Lu 7:12 Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. **13** And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. **14** And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. **15** And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

The young man: In this scene; we see that Jesus, for the compassion he had for the widow, spoke to the dead body and the dead was made alive.

Joh 11:14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. **15** And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. **16** Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him. **17** Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.

For space and time we omit the verses between.

41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. **42** And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. **43** And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. **44** And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

The older man: In this scene, we see that Jesus spoke to one, who had been dead four days and was in the tomb, and by the power of Jesus's voice, the dead body of Lazarus was restored to its natural life.

In each of these scenes; the voice of Jesus restored natural life to the natural body of the young just dead, middle aged dead a while, and older dead four days. This demonstrates to us; Jesus is able to

perform his will and purpose to any he chooses to administer to. Now, let's look at the comparison of spiritual life restoration, in this age of salvation by grace.

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. 25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

In this scene; we have the Jews, who desire to kill Jesus, being upbraided by Jesus. He is explaining to these murderous Jews; you are dead, though you have natural life, and the way we know you are dead is; you do not hear my voice. As we saw demonstrated by the scenes above, the voice of Jesus has power to give life to the dead.

You must understand; we died a spiritual death, with Adam, when Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden. God told Adam; if you eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall surely die. Since Adam did not die a natural death; we can ascertain that Adam died a spiritual death. We know this is true because God drove Adam, the natural body, out of the Garden and Adam no longer heard the voice of the Lord walking in the Garden, as seen in scripture in: **Ge 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day:** This explains how; you can be naturally alive in body and spiritually dead, at the same time, driven out from the garden by sin, and no longer in communion with God the Father.

We know that Jesus is telling the Jews of the coming age of grace, already present in Jesus Christ, from this scripture: **"The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live."** When you are born again, it is because; the voice of Jesus spoke to you and restored your spiritual life to you. Before you were born again; you were already alive naturally, just as these murderous Jews are, but you were dead spiritually, just as these murderous Jews are.

So we see, as the text plainly states, the voice of Jesus "**He that heareth my word**" has the power to call one from the dead and alienated state, of a lost and condemned sinner, to life in Jesus Christ, easily seen in this text: **Eph 2:1-7; 1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.** What a precious knowledge; to understand that you have been made spiritually alive, in being born again, and now you are restored to that state, from which Adam in sin caused us to fall, to be able to hear the voice of the Lord walking in the Garden.

"hath everlasting life" You are given eternal life when you are born again. This is the surety of eternal salvation.

Joh 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; 27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

In these verses; we see that Jesus has power to resurrect his own body, as well as the bodies of others. Jesus was the first to be resurrected from the dead, into a glorified body, and to ascend into the eternal heaven. All those, in the scenes we looked at above, had to die the natural death again.

Jesus was also given "**authority to execute judgment**" which we shall see demonstrated in the verses following.

Joh 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

In verses **Joh 5:28-29**; we are brought to understand, Jesus is speaking of a future event: "**for the hour is coming**" This future event is at the end of the age of Salvation by Grace, and is expressly, the end of time. It is the general resurrection of the dead bodies and the time of eternal judgment.

We see again; the voice of Jesus will be speaking to naturally dead bodies, and all the naturally dead bodies will hear the voice of Jesus. The difference in these dead bodies hearing the voice of Jesus and living and the ones we saw earlier is: These, naturally dead bodies, will be raised from the dead eternally, not to natural life on earth, seen in verse 29.

Joh 5:29 "**they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life**" These, dead bodies, shall be raised incorruptible and immortal, and shall be resurrected into eternal life given by Jesus Christ. These raised bodies will be glorified bodies. **1Co 15:53** **For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.** These glorified bodies, raised in resurrection, do not die again, as we understand those raised to natural life in our opening texts did.

We notice that Jesus here gives the same order of the resurrection as seen in: **1Th 4:15-18; 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.**

Back to verse **Joh 5:29**: "**and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.**" These dead bodies will be raised to a life of eternal death. Demonstrated in scripture in: **Re 20:11-15; 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**

What a terrible fate to be raised from the dead to spend an eternity in the lake of fire.

Joh 5:24 **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.**

How wonderful it is, even now, to hear the voice of Jesus. To be able to hear the words in the written record, the bible, that Jesus left for us as a testimony of himself. To recognize that we have been raised from the dead and can see and understand the "**Word**" of God, even as we see in the words of the poet man who wrote:

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; Lay down, O weary one, lay down Your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, So weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.

- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give The living water; thirsty one, Stoop down, and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; Look unto me, your morn shall rise, And all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found In him my star, my sun; And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav'ling days are done.

May God Almighty, bless us to spend our days, upon this earth, hearing the voice of Jesus, and enjoying the eternal life He has given us. What a blessed hope in Christ we have. Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!

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