

He Himself Raised up the Temple of His Body From the Dead

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"Then the Jews said unto Him (to Jesus), 'What sign do You show to us, seeing that You are doing these things?' Jesus answered and said unto them, '**Destroy This Temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**' Then the Jews said, 'For forty-six years was this Temple in building, and will You raise it up in three days?' But He spoke of the Temple of His Body. When therefore, **He was risen from the dead**, His disciples remembered that He had said **this** unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said." (John 2:18-22, after Temple cleansing)

Destroy: from the Greek word *lysate* which means: (from *luo*) to loosen, to release, to untie, to dissolve; or to break, or set at naught. Properly: to loosen (unleash), to let go; to release, so that something no longer held together, and results in that something being ruined, broken, or destroyed. In context: destroyed by having His life cut loose through death!

This: from the Greek word *touton* which means: this, or this man, or this one, or this thing. In context, 'this Temple' specifically refers to His own physical body, as being the Temple and dwelling place of God.

Temple: from the Greek word *naon* which means: a temple or shrine; that part of the Temple where God Himself resides. (From *naos*, "to dwell") – properly, a sanctuary; the divine dwelling-place; the place of divine manifestation; usually refers to the Sanctuary - the Jewish Temple proper. But in context, Jesus says that He Himself, His body, is the 'Temple' where God dwells!

Raise up: from the Greek word *egero* which means: I will raise up; from '*egeiro*' - to raise up, to awaken, to waken up (from sleep, or as from the sleep of death to life); to rise up from a reclining position.

Three Days: from the Greek word *trisin* and *hemerais* which means: three days; Literally!

Body: from the Greek word *somatos* which means: a body (a physical flesh & blood body); In Context: Jesus is both God, and God incarnate in a literal human body - the Man Christ Jesus, the Son of Man.

From: from the Greek word *ek* which means: out-from, up-from; out from among, as from the interior outwards. In context: Jesus raised Himself up and out from the state of being dead physically, and back, three days later, into the state of being physically alive again.

Dead: from the Greek word *nekron* which means: dead, lifeless, (subject to death, mortal); a dead body, a corpse. In context: Jesus literally died on the Cross; and His dead body was taken down from the Cross and placed in a tomb; from which He was raised up alive!

In Context: Jesus (His body) is the dwelling place of God; i.e. His body is the Temple of God. That is, Jesus is God incarnate in the person of Christ Jesus. This Temple of God, Jesus Himself, the Son of God, is what was destroyed – through His crucifixion and death on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins. On the third day, after His death, the lifeless body of Christ Jesus was physically raised alive – His promised "Resurrection from the dead" fulfilled!

Jesus did foretell His death and Resurrection. Consider the following:

"Then He (Jesus) took unto Himself the twelve (apostles), and said unto them, 'Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that has been written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man shall be accomplished. For He shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on. **And they shall scourge Him, and put Him to death; and the third day He shall rise again.**'" (Luke 18:31-34)

"And He (Jesus) began to teach them, that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders, and by the chief priests, and scribes, **and be killed, and after three days rise again.**" (Mark 8:31) (see also Mark 9:31; Matthew 26:32)

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The prophetic words of Christ Jesus, concerning His death and resurrection, were used as false accusations by His enemies both before and after His death on the Cross. Consider the following from Mark 14:55-59; and from Matthew 27:62-66:

“And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put Him to death; **and found none**. For many did bare false witness against Him, but their witness did not agree together. And there arose some, who bore false witness against Him, saying, 'We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this Temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.' ' But neither did their witness agree together.”

“Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, 'Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while He was yet alive, '**After three days I will rise again**.' Command therefore that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night, and steal Him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead; so the last error shall be worse than the first.' So Pilate said unto them, 'You have a watch-guard; go your way, make it as secure as you can. So they went, and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch-guard.”

Nevertheless, Jesus did rise from the dead on the third day. And the Resurrection of Christ Jesus was immediately announced and proclaimed. Consider the following:

"Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they (the women) came unto the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. And they entered in, and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed about this, behold, two men (angels) stood by them in shining garments; and they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the ground, then they (the angels) said unto them, 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He (Jesus) is not here, **but has risen**. Remember how He spoke unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying, '**The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again**.' And they remembered His words.” (Luke 24:1-8)

“And the angel answered and said unto the women, 'Fear not; for I know that you are seeking Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here: for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, **and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead**; and, behold, He is going before you into Galilee; there you shall see Him.' ” (read Matthew 28:1-10)

After the Emmaus road event Jesus appeared to the eleven disciples, “And He said unto them, 'These are the words which I spoke unto you, while I was still with you, that **all things must be fulfilled**, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me.' Then He opened their understanding, so that they might understand the scriptures; and said unto them, 'Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the **Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day**; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations.' ” (read Luke 24:34-48)

Who Raised up the Temple of Christ's Body From the Dead? In the opening verses, Jesus, speaking of Himself said, “**I will raise it up**.” But consider also the Following:

“But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And **if the Spirit of Him (God the Father's Spirit - the Holy Spirit) who raised Jesus from the dead** is living in you, then He (God) who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you.” (Romans 8:10-11)

The context is that God: the Father, the Son incarnate, and the Holy Spirit, raised Jesus from the dead. And the ultimate goal was our salvation from sin; and the resurrection of our mortal bodies, being made-alive, by grace, through His Spirit who lives in us!

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Consider the following from the Letter of Paul to the Church at Rome:

“Do you not know that everyone of us who were baptized into Jesus Christ **were baptized into His death**? Therefore, we are buried with Him by baptism into death; so that just as **Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father**, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together **in the likeness of His death**, **we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection**; knowing this: that **our old man is crucified (destroyed!) with Him**, so that **the body of sin might be destroyed**, so that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he who is dead is freed from sin. Now if **we are dead with Christ**, **we believe that we shall also live with Him**; knowing that Christ having been raised from the dead dies no more; **for death does not have any more dominion over Him**. For in that He died, **He died unto sin once**: but in that He lives, He lives unto God. Likewise reckon yourselves also to be dead indeed unto sin, **but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord**.” (Romans 6:1-11)

“If you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in your heart **that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved**.” (Romans 10:9)

“Who is he who condemns? **It is Christ who died**, yes rather, **who is risen again**, who is even at the right hand of God, and who also makes intercession for us.” (Romans 8:34)

We believe that Christ Jesus died for the forgiveness of our sins. We believe that He rose from the dead for our justification (see Romans 4:24-25). We believe that Christ Jesus will come again, and raise up all who believe in Him – unto Eternal Life in Him forever and ever! Consider the following:

“Jesus said unto her, 'Your brother shall rise again.' Martha said unto Him, 'I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.' Jesus said unto her, '**I am the resurrection, and the life; he who believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die**. Do you Believe this?' She said unto Him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who should come into the world.'” (read John 11:20-27 from the story of Lazarus being raised from the dead)

“Now the God of peace, who **brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus**, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, **through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen**” (Hebrews 13:20-21)

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again unto a living hope **by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” (1 Peter 1:3-5)

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The cords of His life were severed through His Death on the Cross of Calvary!
His lifeless body lay in the tomb until the third day afterwards!

On that third day God Himself:

– the Father Son and Holy Spirit –

raised to life the Temple, the physical Body of Jesus the Christ-Messiah !!!

For you, for me, for all who believe in Jesus and in His Resurrection...

... He who raised up the Lord Jesus will eternally raise up us also through Christ Jesus!

To You Lord Jesus be Honor and Glory, now and forever and ever. Amen and Amen !!