

## A STUDY IN THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST PT 2

### John 20:11-18

After Jesus paid for our sin on the cross His body was put in a tomb of stone, but we know by His own words (Luke 23:43) that His Spirit went to Paradise.

#### I. PARADISE

1. Paradise: The temporary place of waiting until Jesus paid our sin debt and cleared the way to the Father in Heaven. (Jn 14:6)
2. Who was in Paradise: All the righteous dead (from Adam to thief) who believed and followed God. (Lk 16:19-22a)
3. Where did all the unrighteous dead go: To Hades. (Lk 16:22b-23)  
-The temporary abode of the wicked dead. (Heb9:27;Rev20:11-15)
4. You cannot pray anyone out of Paradise or Hades. (Lk 16:23-29)

#### II. DID JESUS DESCEND TO HELL BETWEEN HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION?

1. Scripture from both the Old and New Testaments indicate Jesus descended into Hell (Acts 2:29-33; Eph 4:8-10; Ps 68:18)
2. When Jesus "Ascended on High," He did two things. (v. 8)
  - (1) He led captivity captive; redeemed the O.T. believers.
  - (2) He gave gifts to men; conferred spiritual gifts upon living believers so they might witness to the world. (Eph 4:11-13)
3. Christ descended into Hell not for punishment...but to make a statement and a claim of authority! (Rev 1:17-18)

#### CLOSING THOUGHTS:

1. Jesus Christ is a member of the Heavenly Trinity; He is the eternal Son of God.  
We become the sons of God through faith in Him!
2. Mary lingered, and she was the first to see the risen Lord!  
- God reveals Himself in special ways when we tarry with Him.