

What Happens When Someone Dies?

Part B—the Gospels (NT)

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Does the Bible teach humans are made up of two parts (dualism) in such a way that we can come apart and survive bodily death?

“The rich Man and Lazarus” Luke 16:19-31

You have one life to do justice to others or obtain mercy from God

One place of the dead (*Sheol/Hades*) divided into two sections

A section for the righteous; comfort, angels, Abraham’s side

A section for the unrighteous; **agony**, thirst, fire

Both are conscious after death but **before** resurrection

Both have **bodily** and location awareness

The place of torment is not the ultimate hell, the “*lake of fire*”

The place of blessing was not the new heavens and earth

This is the **conscious**, intermediate state of the dead

Jesus and the thief on the cross Luke 23:42-43

⁴² And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Jesus promised “**today**” not at the future consummation

Jesus promised to be there “*with*” the thief in Paradise

This Paradise was the **abode** of the righteous who died

This Paradise was not the final heaven (see also John 20:17)

The God of the Living Luke 20:27-40

Sadducees “*who say there is no resurrection*” (also Acts 23:8)

Dead are “*like the angels in heaven*” they don’t *become* angels

The phrase “*at the resurrection*” looks forward to a future time
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob **are** among the living

Jesus and the Transfiguration Luke 9:28-36

Moses died (Deut. 34:5-6) Elijah was taken directly to heaven
(2 Kings 2:11; see also Enoch in Gen. 5:24)

The *Rephaim* could have bodily form, without flesh (1 Sam. 28)
This is not a resurrection. Jesus had not yet **died** !

The Resurrection at the Last Day John 11:23-26

²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

Martha, and all Jews, believed in a resurrection at the end of time
In Jesus, the future **hope** is brought forward to the present

In Jesus, those who die **yet** shall live

In Jesus, those who live shall never die **forever**

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NEXT WEEK: Where was Jesus between Good Friday and Easter Sunday morning? What happened on Holy Saturday? What does the rest of the New Testament (esp. Revelation) have to say?