

SUBJECT:	<u>CHRIST ALSO DESCENDED</u>
OBJECTIVE:	To show that between the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, His spirit went to the regions below the earth.
SCRIPTURE:	Ephesians 4:8 – 10

Ephesians 4:8 – 10. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

THE “DEATHS” OF CHRIST

- **SPIRITUAL (Separation of the spirit from God, the Father).**
 - **Isaiah 59:1, 2.** Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But **your iniquities have separated between you and your God**, and your sins have hidden His face from you, that He will not hear.
 - **Matthew 27:46.** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, la’ma sabbach’thani? That is to say, My, God, My God, why hast thou **forsaken me?**
- **PHYSICAL (Separation of the spirit from the body).**
 - **Matthew 27:50.** Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, **yielded up the ghost (spirit).**
 - **Luke 23:46.** And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit, and having said this, **He gave up the ghost (spirit).**

AFTER JESUS’ DEATH

- **HIS BODY**
 - **Matthew 27:57 – 61.** When the evening was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus’ disciple; He went to Pilate, and begged **the body of Jesus**. Then Pilate commanded **the body** to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken **the body**, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And **laid it in his own new tomb**, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a great

stone to the door of the sepulcher, and departed, And there were Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulcher.

- **John 19:40.** Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

- **HIS SPIRIT**

- **Ephesians 4:9, 10.** (Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things.)
- **Psalm 88:4 – 7.** I am counted with them that go down into the pit; I am as a man that hath no strength. Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more; and they are cut off from thy hand, Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps, Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves.

OLD TESTAMENT SHADOWS OF JESUS' DEATH, DESCENSION, RESURRECTION, ASCENSION AND EXALTATION

- **Psalm 16:8 – 11.** I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou wilt show me the path of life. In thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.
- **Psalm 71:20, 21.** Thou, who hast shown me great and sore troubles shall quicken me again from the depths of the earth. Thou shall increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

Compare the life of Joseph (Genesis 37 – 41,) and the blessing of Joseph (Genesis 49:22 – 26).

Psalm 139:7 – 10

Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

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