

## Final Events: The Resurrection

### Introduction:

1. We are presently studying a number of Bible subjects that are associated with "final events."
2. Previously, we have examined passages that relate to:
  - a. "the return of Christ"
  - b. "the judgment."
3. In this lesson we are concentrating on "the resurrection."

### Discussion:

- I. THE RESURRECTION HAS BEEN A MISUNDERSTOOD BIBLE SUBJECT FOR MANY YEARS
  - A. Confusion concerning the resurrection was demonstrated by:
    1. the Sadducees who did not believe in the resurrection (Acts 23:8)
    2. some members of the church in Corinth who said that "*there is no resurrection of the dead*" (1 Corinthians 15:12)
    3. two false teachers, Hymenaeus and Philetus, who claimed that "*the resurrection is past already*" (2 Timothy 2:16-18).
  - B. (Matthew 22:23-32) As Jesus answered a question asked by the Sadducees, He indicated that such confusion is a result of not knowing:
    1. "*the Scriptures*"
    2. "*the power of God.*"
  - C. Confusion concerning the resurrection can be cleared up by careful objective study of the Scriptures.
- II. THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT THE DEAD WILL BE RAISED
  - A. John 5:25
  - B. Romans 8:11
  - C. 1 Corinthians 6:14
  - D. 2 Corinthians 4:14
- III. WHEN WILL THE RESURRECTION OCCUR?
  - A. The Scriptures teach that the resurrection will occur "*at the last day.*"
    1. John 6:39-40, 44, 54
    2. John 11:24
  - B. The resurrection will precede the judgment that will occur when Jesus returns.
    1. John 5:28-29
    2. 1 Thessalonians 4:16
    3. Revelation 20:12-13
- IV. ADDITIONAL DETAILS RELATING TO THE RESURRECTION
  - A. The resurrection will include "*the just and the unjust*" (Acts 24:14-15).
  - B. From 1 Corinthians 15 we learn that:
    1. there is no reason for hope if there is no resurrection (vs.13-19)
    2. our hope of being raised from the dead is based on the Lord's resurrection (vs.20-23, 3-8)
    3. the resurrected body will be a spiritual body that pleases God (vs.35-44).
      - a. Matthew 22:30
      - b. Philippians 3:20-21
  - C. Looking forward to the resurrection should affect the way we live (Philippians 3:8-16).