

The Only Human Biography That Has Not Ended At Death – So Far!

The four gospels tell the story of the life of Jesus Christ and the ministry of Jesus Christ and in doing so they follow accurately the ordinary course of any biography, giving the facts of His birth, growth, work, death and burial.

That is the way with biography, the very word itself suggests it, for it comes from “*bios*” meaning “*life*” and “*graphein*” meaning “*to write*,” a written history of a person’s life.

When we look at the gospels we note something unique and wonderful about the biography of Jesus Christ, an extra chapter is added after the description of His death.

Anything written as a record of a person’s life which follows record of their death is not biography for the reason that the “*bios*” has gone.

It may be appraisal, eulogy or criticism, but not biography.

The only place in world literature where this rule is broken is in the four gospels.

They record the story of the physical man Jesus Christ from birth to death, and then for the only time in human history the authentic biography of Jesus Christ has an additional “*last*” chapter, a story that will never end.

Whatever is written about Jesus Christ now is written of a living man.

He was dead, but He is alive for ever more.

That such a thing could be hinted at by the miracles of restoration which Jesus Christ performed during His earthly ministry.

The widow’s son brought back to physical life, for a short time, [Luke 7:11-17] or Jairus’ daughter, [Mark 5:22-23, 35-43] and Lazarus [John 11:2, 5, 11, 14, 43].

These were all vague disclosures of what was to come, and were at best only temporary suspensions of the inexorable law which demands that death always follows life, for all of these died again and the rule of the biography was upheld. Each ended in a grave at the end of the last chapter of their biography.

The perpetual wonder is that the biography of Jesus Christ had to be resumed. Luke added not merely another chapter, but a whole book, the Book of Acts was a logical necessity.

The rest of the New Testament gives us some idea of what Jesus Christ, who is very much alive, is doing now, and prophecy reveals a little of what He will be doing throughout the ages to come.

This “*next chapter after the last*” is the source of all Christian hope, because it assures us all as Christians that Jesus Christ’s victory over death has delivered all who believe in His death and resurrection have been delivered from the ancient curse.

Death is not the end of the activities for the true disciples and followers of Jesus Christ.

Death did **not** end the activities of Jesus Christ, it did **not** even interrupt them, for while His physical body of the Son of Man lay in Joseph’s new tomb, the Spiritual Son of God visited the fallen angels who were imprisoned in utter darkness since the days of Noah, [2 Peter 2:4; 1 Peter 3:18-20].

Also even at the moment of His resurrection Jesus Christ was at work, illustrating His power over death with the resurrection back to life some of His followers who had died during the time of His earthly ministry, [Matthew 27:52-54].

Had Jesus Christ not risen from the dead after three days when His body joined His spirit so He could be constantly there on the Throne of God next to God the Father, there would be **no** hope for any human being to be also resurrected to eternal life.

1 Corinthians 15:4-8, 12-23 [New King James] *“and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.” ... “Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up, if in fact the dead do not rise. For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming.”*

But Jesus Christ has risen from the dead and bodily ascended back to His Father’s Throne, [**Acts 7:56; Revelation 1:13; Revelation 14:14**] acting as a High Priest who knows exactly what it is like to be human, and able to intercede on our behalf before the God the Father, [**Hebrews 7:25**].

Hebrews 4:14-16 [New King James] *“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*

This is part of the “chapter after the last” of the biography of Jesus Christ the Son of Man. A chapter that will continue to be written throughout eternity.

Since Jesus Christ has in fact risen from dead, His life has been shown to be an unbelieved triumph. The spilt blood, rejection and agony of dying, the cold stiff body in a tomb, these belong to the former chapters of His physical biography.

The days now being records are full of hope and everlasting life.

What is true of Jesus Christ can also be true of all who believe in His life and teaching, submitting to His way of life by being obedient to His teaching.

We all as human beings have the chance to write our personal chapter of our biography “after the last” one that does not end at death.