

Who Will Raise True Christians From The Dead?

John 6:40 – Jesus Christ tells us that He will raise us from the dead.

Romans 8:11 – Paul tells us that the Holy Spirit will raise us from the dead as He did Jesus Christ the Son of Man.

Which is true?

We always need to remember that Jesus Christ when on earth as a physical human being had a dual personality.

Jesus Christ was the Son of Man, the physical child of Mary His mother, but also the eternal Son of God.

Both at the same time.

Son of God:-

John 1:1-2, 14, 18 [New King James] *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.” ... “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” ... “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.”*

Eternal and self-existent.

John 14:11 [NIV] *“Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.”*

At one with God the Father.

John 8:58 [NIV] *“‘I tell you the truth,’ Jesus answered, ‘before Abraham was born, I am!’”*

“I am,” meaning self-existing.

Matthew 8:2 [NIV] *“A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, ‘Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.’”*

Allowed people to worship Him.

John 10:30 [NIV] *“I and the Father are one.”*

One person of the Triune God.

Son of Man:-

John 14:28 [NIV] *“You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.”*

Father greater than Jesus Christ.

John 10:29 [NIV] *“My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no-one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.”*

Father greater than all.

John 14:10 [NIV] *“Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.”*

Father doing the work in Jesus Christ, the Son of Man.

John 5:19, 30 [NIV] *“Jesus gave them this answer: ‘I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.’” ... “By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgement is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.”*

Only did the Father’s Will.

John 8:28-29 [NIV] *“So Jesus said, ‘when you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am [the one I claim to be] and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.’”*

Only does what pleases the Father.

With this understanding of the duality of Jesus Christ let us look at two scriptures talking about our resurrection.

John 6:40 [NIV] *“For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”*

Jesus was speaking as the Son of God, as a human being the Son of Man He could not raise us from the dead over 2,000 years later.

But as God He could raise us up from the dead if we die now, over 2,000 years later.

Romans 8:11 [NIV] *“And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.”*

The Holy Spirit, as God, raised Jesus the human Son of Man from the dead.

The same Holy Spirit will also raise us from the dead if He is dwelling in us at the time of our death.

Jesus as the human Son of Man was really dead, He could **not** raise Himself from the grave!

As we read in scripture the relationship and the intervention by God in our lives we always find that it is the Holy Spirit as God who is at work on behalf of the Triune Godhead.

The Holy Spirit is God, just as Jesus the Son of God is God raised Christ from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.