

Jesus said 'I am the resurrection and the life' John 11:25-26 (The way, truth & life – 14:6)

Resurrections in the Old Testament – documented... God is able

New Testament: John 11:38, Lazarus. Luke 8:41, Jairus' daughter; 7:11 – the widow of Nain's son;

Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:34 – Jesus describes His own resurrection; He is the Master of life. >500 saw Him raised. The first and important things we must know is that Christ died for sin and was raised again. Hebrews 9:11 speaks of the blood of bulls and goats – able to cleanse sin but needing to be done regularly; Christ's blood was shed once for all; for our sin; our emotion; our mental health; our sickness, for you, for me, for all, for all time – no shame in that place.

Key text: Matthew 27:50-54 NIV

<sup>50</sup>And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, He gave up His spirit. <sup>51</sup>At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. <sup>53</sup>They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. <sup>54</sup>When the centurion and those with Him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely He was the Son of God!"

Note:

- Jesus gave up His Spirit – no one took it – at the proper kairos time 'at **that moment**' the curtain tore (top to bottom; heaven to earth; open heaven; access to the Father; no longer separated) the earth quaked, the rocks split and the graves opened.

So much life in Christ when He expired that it shook the planet as He entered the next realm. He had carried the sin and weight of the world, the curses – when He expired He dealt with them – took captivity captive.

**Those few moments so precious and all powerful.**

Open heaven: Job 38:31-32

Psalms 19:1ff the heavens declare

Genesis – and He made the stars also

Isaiah – God named and placed every star – He knows each one by name and they all speak; keep a clockwork pattern such that the very time of Christ's birth could be measured.

The eclipse at His death – can be measured – the heavens declare... Revelation 12:1-2: signs; Acts 2:12 signs... the exact time of Christ shedding His blood, yielding up His Spirit and breathing His last are declared forever.

Everything Christ accomplished was accomplished at exactly the right time and the signs revealed and testified to it. Our God who has named and placed billions of stars in an immeasurable universe within a measurable clockwork pattern – knows when you stub your toe.

He is able to accomplish what concerns you today.  
He is the Resurrection and the Life.

So much LIFE.