

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Luther's Small Catechism | Lesson 27: Resurrection

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Resurrection of the Body

224. What happens when humans die?

Ecclesiastes 12:7 John 11:39 Hebrews 9:27–28 Luke 23:43 (see also: Luke 16:22–23)

225. What are the signs that this final day could happen at any moment?

Matthew 24:3–12 Luke 21:10–12, 25–26 Matthew 24:36 (see also: Matthew 25:1–13, Matthew 24:14, and John 20:31)

226. What will happen on judgment day?

2 Peter 3:10, 12 Daniel 12:2 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17 (see also: Matthew 25:31–46)

227. What will judgment day be like for unbelievers?

Luke 21:26 Mark 16:16 2 Thessalonians 1:9 (see also: Jude 14–15; Matthew 25:41, 46; Matthew 22:10–13, and Revelation 20:15)

228. How will the day be different for believers?

Matthew 25:34, 46 (see also: 1 Thessalonians 4:17 and Psalm 16:11)

229. What does the Bible tell us about heaven, the final home of believers?

John 11:25–26 1 Corinthians 2:9 Revelation 14:13 Revelation 7:15–17 Revelation 21:22–26 (see also: Hebrews 4:9–10 and Colossians 3:4)

230. What will our bodies be like after our resurrection?

Philippians 3:21 Job 19:25–27 (see also: John 5:28–29, Isaiah 26:19, and 1 Corinthians 15:42–44, 50–53)

231. What truth gives me confidence that I will rise to eternal life?
2 Timothy 2:11 John 14:19 (see also: 1 Corinthians 15:3–8, 12–22 and John 11:25)

John 11:1–6, 17–44

1. We know Jesus's tears did not come from lack of faith. How would you describe the difference between pure tears and the grief that comes from spiritual weakness?
2. Jesus raised Lazarus, but Lazarus died again. What lasting comfort does Jesus's raising of Lazarus give to Christians?

Recommended memory work: The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed with Explanation