

LET'S TALK ABOUT RESURRECTION

Selected Scriptures

Many people work hard to live forever. For example, the Coalition for Radical Life Extension, an Arizona-based nonprofit, is on a mission to “cure aging.” Its founder, James Strole, labours to make “mortality optional” and to “put an end to The End.” Likeminded individuals are willing to do almost anything to cheat death— from supplements to exercise, from medical procedures to cryogenic freezing. And, if they can't *physically* live forever, many at least desire that their *work* ensures, their *reputation* remains, or their *legacy* perseveres. Whatever path taken, many people work hard to live forever. On Easter, God's people celebrate that we *can* live forever, that death—our great enemy—*has* been defeated, that the tomb *was* empty, that Christ *has been* raised. Today we are reminded that immortality doesn't require a self-care regimen, a medical discovery, or a scientific breakthrough. It requires resurrection.

Its ANTICIPATION in the Old Testament

- The patriarch Gen 22:2–5; Heb 11:17–19
- The sufferer Job 14:10–14; 19:23–26
- The psalmists Pss 16:10; 17:15; 21:4; 49:14–15; 71:20
- The prophets Isa 25:8; 26:19; 53:10; Ezek 37:3–5
Dan 12:1–2; Hos 6:1–2; 13:14
Matt 22:23, 29–30; Acts 23:6

Its REALIZATION in Jesus Christ

Mark 8:31–32; 9:30–32; 10:32–34; 16:1–8

Its CELEBRATION in the Apostles

Rom 4:25; 6:4; 7:4; 8:38–39; 1 Cor 15:16–20
Phil 3:10–11; 1 Pet 1:3

Its EXPECTATION in Us

John 6:39–40; 1 Cor 6:14; 15:23