

Eleutheros Newsletter

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A heartfelt request

This is a heartfelt request to all who have expressed an interest in the Eleutheros Books Global Fund.

Requests for books come virtually every day!

These pleas come from India, Pakistan, and quite a number of African countries.

Another outreach is to US military personnel. We call this "A Book and a Bible for the troops." A very kindhearted/missionary minded Christian businessman has donated a sum of money monthly to allow 15 books and 15 Bibles to be shipped all over the world.

The needs are great; and so I ask that you prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you to do to help encourage believers and win lost souls!

If God leads you to join in this outreach ministry, here is what you can do:

Feel free to check out the Eleutheros Books Global Fund.

<https://www.purecharity.com/eleutheros-books-global-fund>

Christian books to very needy people: Africa, India, Russia, the Middle East, and Spanish speaking countries!

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Christ's Resurrection

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after that He through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the Apostles whom He had chosen: To whom He showed Himself alive...by many infallible proofs... ([Acts 1:1-3a](#)).

One of the most interesting studies in the Scriptures is the reaction of the disciples between the time of our Lord's death on the cross and their realization that He had risen from the grave. In the first place, they had ample evidence from the Old Testament that God does on occasion raise people from the dead:

1. Job believed in life after death.

Thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come ([Job 14:13-14](#)).

For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, ye in my flesh I shall see God:

Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me ([Job 19:25-27](#)).

2. David also believed in life after death.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh shall rest in hope. For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell: neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou wilt show me the path of life... ([Psalm 16:9-10](#)).

3. There were resurrections in Old Testament times.

God allowed Elijah to raise up the widow's son ([I Kings 17:9-24](#)); God allowed Elisha to raise up the Shunammite's son ([II Kings 4:32-36](#)); and while a dead man was being buried, his body touched the bones of Elisha and he was revived ([II Kings 13:21](#)).

4. Abraham fully expected to return with his son Isaac after offering him as a sacrifice.

And Abraham said unto the young men, Abide ye here with the ass and I and the lad will go yonder and worship and come again to you ([Genesis 22:5](#)).

Later, of course, God provided a ram as a sacrifice ([Genesis 22:13](#)).

5. Isaiah wrote about a resurrection.

We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen. Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead ([Isaiah 26:19](#)).

6. Hosea also wrote about a resurrection.

I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be his from mine eyes ([Hosea 13:14](#)).

In addition to all this evidence from the Old Testament, consider all the evidence Jesus has presented to them:

1. He raised three people from the dead during His ministry.

The son of a widow from Nain.

And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And He came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And He said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead began to speak ([Luke 7:13-15a](#)).

Jairus' daughter.

And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed Him to scorn. But when the people were put forth, He went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose ([Matthew 9:23-25](#)).

Lazarus.

And when He had spoken, He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go. Then many of the Jews, which came to Mary, and had seen the things, which He did, believed on Him ([John 11:43-45](#)).

2. Jesus had prophesied about the future resurrection of believers.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in Himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself; Marvel not at this: for the hours is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, And they shall come forth ([John 5:25-26, 28-29a](#)).

For I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me, And this is the Father's will which sent Me. That of all, which He hath given Me, I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one, which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day ([John 6:38-40](#)).

And thou shalt be blessed: for they cannot recompense thee, for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just ([Luke 14:14](#)).

And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: but they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain the world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: neither can they die any more ([Luke 20:34-36a](#)).

We will continue this series on the resurrection of Christ in the next newsletter.

Christ Arose

Robert Lowry

*Low in the grave He lay--
Jesus, my Savior!
Waiting the coming day—
Jesus, my Lord!*

*Death cannot keep his prey—
Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away—
Jesus, my Lord!*

*Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes!
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign!
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*