

What happened to Jesus when He died?

I. Jesus human death was needed to redeem us

- A. Jesus had to totally identify with our fall so that we could fully identify with Him in resurrection.
- B. He was our representative- He died in body, soul, and spirit
 - 1. He died in body- Hebrews 2:14
 - 2. He died in soul- Is. 53:11-12
 - 3. He died in his human spirit-
 - a. 1 Peter 3:18- made alive in spirit
 - b. Romans 8:29, Colossians 1:18- First born from the dead- Jesus was born anew in spirit
- C. To the extent Jesus tasted death for us and our curse is the extent we are redeemed

II. Compartments of the under world- Ephesians 4:9- parts of the Earth

- A. Heb. Sheol or Gr. Hades- place of torment
 - 1. Rich man- Luke 16:24
- B. Abraham's bosom- place for believers- paradise
 - 1. Lazarus- Luke 16:22
- C. Tartarus- place where angels are bound in chains
 - 1. 2 Peter 2:4- hell is tartarus
 - 2. Jude 1:6
- D. One day Sheol/Hades will be dumped into the lake of fire

III. Where did Jesus go after he died? He visits all three compartments

- A. Acts 2:27- Jesus went to hell
- B. Many say that this word hades means the unseen realm and does not specify torment
- C. Every time this word hades is used in the New Testament is referring to a bad place of torment.
- D. Acts 2:24- pains of death means torment or anguish
- E. Jesus went where we were because he became us
- F. After three days because the debt was paid and he had no sins himself God made alive Jesus spirit. He was justified in spirit- 1 Tim. 3:16

G. He then visited Tartarus to preach to the angels

1. 1 Peter 3:19- spirits in prison- unbelievers are never mentioned to be in chains or prison

2. The word preach here is not the word for preach the gospel but to announce a message

3. This announcement was for the spirits that were disobedient before the flood- This were the angels that left their estate and slept with women to make the giants

H. He then went to Abraham's bosom and took all the believers to heaven when he ascended- Ephesians 4:8(ESV) Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."