

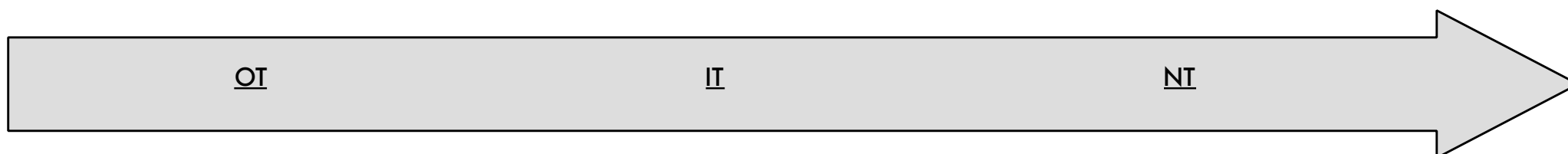
Session 12: Why did Jesus Rise?

Easter Sunday is the climax of the story of the gospels. But its meaning can be just as perplexing to us as it was to the original disciples!

This session will look at the event of the resurrection, considering what it means and how it changes the way we think about life, both now and after death.

Why did Jesus Rise?

What did people believe about life after death?



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Majority View

Life, Love, Land
(Gen 1:26-30; 15:5-7 etc)

Minority Views

Sleep – Next to Nothingness
(Psalm 6:5; 115:17; Ecc 9:5-6, 10; Is
14:9-11 etc)

Disembodied Soul
Delivered from Sheoul
(Ps 16:8-11)

Glory after suffering
(Ps 49:14; 73:18-20, 23-27)

Wake up to Resurrection
(Dan 12:2-3; Is 26:19; Hos 6:1-2;
13:14; Ezek 37:1-14)

LXX Translation
(Hosea 13:14; Job 14:14)

Apocrypha
(2 Macc 7; 12; 14; 1 En 25:4-6;
62:13-15)

Pharisees and Sadducees

Majority View
'Life After Life After Death'

Resurrection Sayings in the Gospels

Peter rebuked Jesus (Mark 8:32)
They didn't understand him and were too afraid to ask (Mark 9:32)
They were extremely sad (Matthew 17:22)

After the transfiguration Jesus told them 'to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean' (Mark 9:9-10)

At his trial false witnesses quote Jesus as saying 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days' (Matt 26:61; 27:40; Mk 15:29) but he was speaking about his body (Jn 2:21-22)

Why did Jesus Rise?

How do the different gospel writers portray the resurrection?

Matthew 28

Jesus is the New Moses (cf. Deut 31:2-8)

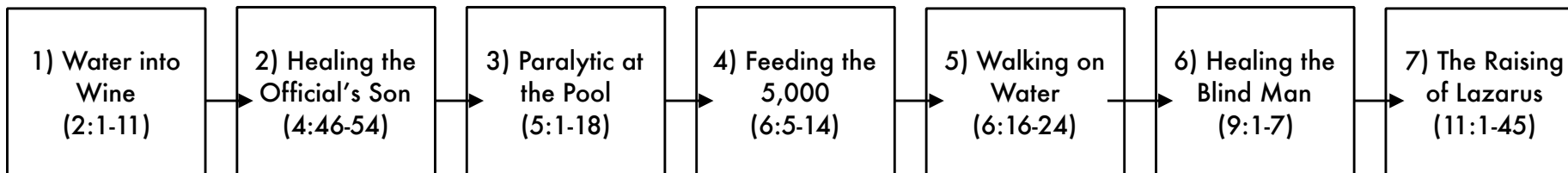
Mark 16

Jesus is the Son of God / Man / David

Luke 24

Jesus is the New David

John



7 sayings accompanied by 7 signs
 "It is finished" (John 19:30)
 'On the first day of the week...' (John 20:1)
 'At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid' (John 19:41)

Why did Jesus Rise?

How does Jesus' resurrection fulfil the central unifying symbols of Judaism?

Monotheism

Election

Temple

Torah

Recommended Resources

For more on the resurrection, check out:

Theology Matters: Resurrection by Liam Thatcher, at broadcast.christchurchlondon.org

Surprised by Hope, by N.T. Wright

The Resurrection of the Son of God, by N.T. Wright