

“Born Once? Die Twice. Born Twice? Die Once.”

(Luke 8:26-56)

The Spiritual Resurrection of a Demon- Possessed Man

- **A Man Enslaved – The Natural State of Fallen Humanity**
 - The demoniac, living in the realm of the dead, is in one sense the perfect picture of humanity apart from Christ (Eph 2:1-4 / Col 1:21)
- **A Soul Delivered – The Redeeming Power of the Gospel**
 - Satan is not God’s equal (Revelation 20)
 - Delivered from bondage, the man becomes Christ’s evangelist.
 - When a soul is converted, having believed in Jesus Christ, there is a spiritual resurrection (Ephesians 2:4-6 / Colossians 1:13 / Jn 3:3, 6-8)
- **A People Outraged – The Hard-heartedness of Some**
 - They care more for pigs than for Christ or this man.
 - They reject Jesus and His message, and find one that suits them.
 - “And Christ went sadly. He had wrought for them a sign, Of love and hope and tenderness divine; They wanted swine. Christ stands without your door and gently knocks; But if your gold or swine the entrance blocks, He forces no man’s hold – he will depart, And leave you to the treasures of your heart.”

The Physical Resurrection of a Dead Child

- Two Broken Bodies – the Inevitability of your Physical Demise
 - Romans 5:12 / Genesis 3:19
 - The tyranny of Death reaches us all because of the effects of the curse.
- Two Restored Bodies – The Extent of your Hope in Christ
 - This is NOT a blanket promise for immunity from suffering. It is a demonstration of the power of God's Son.
 - Jesus underwent death & was raised, to secure our future resurrection:
 - Romans 4:25 / 1 Corinthians 15:19-23 / Romans 6:4-5, 9
 - Luke 8:55 – Christ alone can knit together body and spirit.
- Two Resurrections to Follow the Events of Easter
 - Daniel 12:2 / John 5:29-29 / Acts 24:15 / Revelation 20:12-13
 - The body you possess now, will be the body you stand in then; facing either everlasting life, or shame and everlasting contempt.
 - For the Christian, your body shall be “imperishable, glorious, powerful, spiritual”, and death defeated forever (1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 52-57)
 - Born once? Die twice. Born twice? Die once...Live forever.