

Q/A Time April 12, 2021

- Another great discussion after the presentation. A key topic was 1 Corinthians 15 and the ‘nature’ of the resurrected body. The question was simply: “If Jesus was the first fruit, then will we, Christians, too be like Jesus?” And the answer is: Yes! Jesus is the first of the resurrected and thus all believers will have a resurrected body that is the same nature as Jesus. So, what is the nature of the resurrected body? Simply put, it is a “spiritual body” that is still physical but a spiritual body that lives in the Holy Spirit. Meaning, the resurrected body will be sustained by the Holy Spirit.
- A fascinating question and clarification was: Can we say Jesus is “begotten”? Yes, we can say that in regards to Jesus being ‘born’ into time as a baby (the Father and Holy Spirit never took on flesh like Jesus). The point in the presentation by Joseph was that the Greek word *monogenēs* (μονογενής) actually refers to Jesus being “unique” or “only”. So, Jesus is the unique Son of God, no one else is like him.
- Another question came up about whether Jesus went to heaven after his resurrection but before his ascension. Joseph stated that he believes that Jesus did not go up to heaven until his ascension; Joseph did not see any biblical reason to believe Jesus went to heaven during his three-days in the grave or before his ascension into heaven to sit at the righthand of the Father.
- Lastly, there was a brief discussion of seeing the Father while in heaven. Joseph stated that it will be in the resurrected state that people will get to see the Father “face-to-face” as the Father is (in his nature), since it is in the resurrected state that one is like Jesus in the resurrection and one is living in the ‘Spirit’ at that time. Prior to that, believers are disembodied souls (waiting to be resurrected) and they will be in Heaven with Jesus and they will get to “see” the Father (his affects) but not completely until they are resurrected.