

Acts 26:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

Analysis

Paul's rhetorical question - 'Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?' - cuts to the heart of objection against Christianity. If God exists and is omnipotent, resurrection follows logically. Paul's appeal to shared monotheistic foundation (Agrippa believed in God's power) shows how resurrection's plausibility rests on theology proper - who God is determines what He can do.

Historical Context

This question to King Agrippa built on Jewish belief in God's creative power. Paul's argument: the same God who creates life from nothing can certainly restore life to the dead. Resurrection shouldn't surprise those who affirm an all-powerful Creator.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does your understanding of God's nature and power affect your confidence in resurrection?

2. What makes resurrection 'incredible' to modern people, and how does proper theology address their objections?

Interlinear Text

τί	ἄπιστον	κρίνεται	παρ'	ὑμῖν	εἰ	ό	θεὸς
Why	incredible	should it be thought a thing	with	you	that	G3588	God
G5101	G571	G2919	G3844	G5213	G1487		G2316
νεκροὺς	ἐγείρει						
the dead	should raise						
G3498	G1453						

Additional Cross-References

Acts 4:2 (Resurrection): Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

Luke 18:27 (References God): And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Acts 25:19 (Parallel theme): But had certain questions against him of their own superstition, and of one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.

Acts 23:6 (Resurrection): But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

Genesis 18:14 (Parallel theme): Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

Philippians 3:21 (Parallel theme): Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.