

John 5:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice.' Jesus anticipates amazement and counsels against premature astonishment—greater things are coming. Physical resurrection will occur: 'all that are in the graves shall hear his voice.' This is universal—every human who has died will be raised by Christ's voice. The same voice that spoke creation speaks resurrection.

Historical Context

Physical resurrection was debated in first-century Judaism—Pharisees affirmed it; Sadducees denied it. Jesus clearly affirms it. The universality ('all that are in the graves') includes believers and unbelievers, with different outcomes (verse 29). This confirms the literal, bodily nature of resurrection.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What is the relationship between the present spiritual resurrection and future physical resurrection?
2. How does universal resurrection demonstrate Christ's absolute authority?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Revelation 20:12 (Parallel theme): And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Isaiah 26:19 (Parallel theme): Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

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.

1 Corinthians 15:22 (Parallel theme): For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

