**We are risen, we are risen indeed!**

**How we get into the Kingdom**

* **We enter the Kingdom of God by believing in Jesus for eternal life - John 3:1-3; 14-16**
* **In Him is resurrection and life; He is the Life-giver - John 11:25-27**

**Realities of life after death in general: Lazarus and the rich man Lk. 16:19-31**

* **Lk. 16:19-31 - Angels involved in death, recognition, consciousness, torment or comfort, separation/inability to go to the “other side”, general awareness of events on earth and/or spiritual conditions of those still alive with concern for them (Also, Rev. 6:9-10, 1 Sam 28:15-19).**
* **Communication in Hades between realms. Samuel “disturbed” by coming up.**

 **Present conditions of believers who have died**

* **Believers who die are alive with the Lord; have eternal life - 2 Cor. 5:1-5; Phil. 1:21-23**
* **Believers have perfect spirits but don’t appear yet to have their new bodies - Heb. 12:22-23**

**Believers will get their new bodies at the rapture**

* **In order to inherit the Kingdom, we need new bodies and our new bodies are immortal - 1 Cor. 15:50-51**
* **We get new bodies at the Rapture – 1 Thess. 4:15-18**

**Our bodies are like the body of Jesus**

* **Seeing His glory changes us now (2 Cor. 3:18) and when we see Jesus face-to-face, His glory will immediately change us then - 1 Jn. 3:3**
* **God changes us into conformity to the body of Jesus - Phil. 3:20-21**
* **This reality should motivate us to rejoice, endure, and focus on what is good – Phil. 3:17-4:9**
* **Our future realities should impact our present lifestyles – 1 Jn. 2:28-3:10**

**The reality of the body of Jesus - Lk 24:28-43**

* **Invisibility – Lk. 24:28-31**
* **Intangibility (super-speed/teleportation)? – Lk. 24-32-26**
* **Flesh and bone – Lk. 24:39**
* **Invulnerability/Immortality – 1 Cor. 15:50-51; Rev. 19:11-16**
* **Enjoyment of some God-created blessings – Lk. 24:40-43; Ps. 16:9-11**
* **Flight? – Rev. 19:11-16**

**Review and Application: What’s it all mean?**

* **We will be like Jesus! (1 Jn. 3:2; Phil. 3:20-21)**
* **We will never die and will be with the Lord forever! (Jn. 11:25-27; 1 Thess. 4:17)**
* **We get new and improved bodies that can do cool things (Lk. 24:33-43)**
* **Psalm 16:9-11 (Used of Jesus in Acts 2) – It’s as good as it gets, for all long as it gets. We get to enjoy “fulness of joy” and “pleasures” forever**
* **This should all motivate us. This should impact where our focus is, what we think about, what our perspective should be (Col. 3:1-4; Phil. 3:17)**
* **It was in fellowship with Him that they saw Him. We see Jesus more clearly as we fellowship with Him (Lk. 24:30-35; 1 Jn. 3:6).**
* **Rev. 19:11-16 - We get to take part in the greatest victory of all time! Our destiny is to enjoy victory, BUT it enjoyed more by the faithful!**
* **Only glorified bodies can inherit the Kingdom of Christ (1 Cor. 15:50-51). Once we have them, we will participate in the rule of the Lord Jesus Christ!**