

BEREANS Bible Institute Module III.

“Ghost Stories” in the Bible – Part 6

Activities of Jesus’ Ghost?

I. Psalm 16:8-11 Was Jesus actually in the tomb from burial to resurrection?

A. Psalm 16:10 does not refer to Jesus’ ghost.

1. Verse 10 is a “parallelism,” second clause restates the first clause.¹

a. “For You will not leave my soul [person] in Sheol” [the grave]

b. “Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption”

2. Verse 10 is a detailed explanation of verse 9 in parallelism:

“My flesh also will rest in hope.

a. “For” (Heb: “consequently”; Greek: “because”)

3. Jesus’ “soul” (physical person) was the sacrifice for sins:

a. Isaiah 53:10-12 describes the death of Jesus’ “soul”

b. Within three days after death, the body was still called a “soul.” After the 3rd day it was called a “carcass” or “corpse” (Lev. 21:11; Num. 6:6-7; Num. 19:11,13; Hag. 2:13).

1. It was the custom to visit the grave for 3 days after burial.²

2. Tombs were abandoned on the 4th day. “It was the common Jewish idea that corruption commenced on the fourth day.”³

B. Blatant inconsistency of the “Ghost Lounge” theory from these passages:

1. The “Ghost Lounge” is “Abraham’s Bosom” (Rich Man & Lazarus)

2. The “Ghost Lounge” is “Paradise” (Dying Thief)

3. The “Ghost Lounge” is “Hades” (Jesus’ Ghost)

II. Ephesians 4:7-10: Did Jesus “descend” into a Ghost Lounge when He died?

A. Paul quoted Psalm 68:17-18 LXX, God ascending to heaven from Mt. Sinai.

B. He drew a comparison to Jesus’ ascension.

C. Descended to the “*lower parts of the land*” – heaven, to earth, to the grave (Phil. 2:5-8).

III. 1 Peter 3:18-22: Did Jesus preach to ghosts in the ghost lounge?

A. Verses 18-19, He went to proclaim by the “Spirit” after He was resurrected.

1. The TIME of the participles “*having been put to death,*” “*having been made alive,*” & “*having gone,*” must be antecedent in TIME to the main (indicative) verb, “*He proclaimed.*” Thus Jesus “proclaimed” to these spirits AFTER He was “*made alive.*”

B. Verse 22, He proclaimed His new authority to angels and powers, not ghosts.

C. Verse 20 Why ONLY to disobedient “spirits” from Noah’s day if these are ghosts?

IV. 1 Peter 4:5-6: Was the Gospel preached to dead people?

1. The Gospel was preached to Abraham (the dead) when he was still alive (Gal. 3:8).

¹ <http://jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/11902-parallelism-in-hebrew-poetry>

² Edersheim, The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah, p. 992.

³ Edersheim, The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah, p. 994