



ians 14:33 tells us that He is not. Well, is He a liar? Hebrews 6:18 tells us that He cannot lie. So, who did raise Jesus from the dead? Very simply, all three of them are one and played a part in raising Jesus from the dead. Due to this Triune nature of

God the Bible correctly asserts that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit all raised Jesus from the dead as One. It is because of this that God can be glorified, the Gospel can have power, and we can have the hope of eternal life if we come in contact with the precious and cleansing blood Jesus shed on the cross for each and every single one of us.

Why not take assurance in the fact that the Bible is the inerrant word of God and obey it by becoming a Christian and remaining faithful to Him until He comes to call you Home to Him in Heaven?



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## Who Raised Jesus From the Dead?

by Curtis Carwile

**I**n Matthew 28:1-8, we read this:  
**Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead *men*. But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Ga-**

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**lilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.” So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.**

The focus of the Gospel accounts (and, really, the whole Bible) is to show that Jesus is the savior of all mankind (Matthew 1:21; John 4:42; 1



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Timothy 4:10; 2 Timothy 1:8-12). Salvation comes to those who come in contact with the precious blood of Jesus through hearing and believing the “good news” of His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension (Romans 10:17) to the point of confessing that belief verbally (Matthew 10:32; Acts 8:37) and bodily (through repentance from sins to God and water baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins, Acts 2:38) for the rest of their lives (1 Peter 1:17; Ecclesiastes 12:13; Romans 12:1-2; Revelation 2:10). In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul asserts the reality of Jesus’ resurrection and shows that the resurrection is what gives glory to God, power to the Gospel, and hope of eternal life to those who have been saved.

It is with this in mind that I bring up a common claim that skeptics use to “prove” that the Bible contradicts itself and is therefore not trustworthy. The so-called “contradiction” centers around the question “Who raised Jesus from the dead?” At first, we might think that this is a silly question to consider because “everyone knows” that Jesus raised Himself from the dead. In passages like John 2:19-22 and John 10:17-18, Jesus says that He is going to raise Himself (“**Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up**” and “**I have power to take it again**”). If He didn’t raise Himself from

the dead, Paul tells us that his preaching and our lives are in vain (1 Corinthians 15:12-19). So, the Bible is clear that Jesus raised Himself from the dead.

However, the Bible also makes the claim that God the Father raised Jesus from the dead. In Romans 10:9, Paul says that “**if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.**” In Colossians 2:11-12, Paul says that “**you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.**” In 1 Peter 1:20-21, Peter says that “**God raised Him from the dead.**” In 1 Corinthians 6:14, Paul says that “**And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.**” In the first and second Gospel sermons, Peter preaches that God raised Jesus from the dead (Acts 2:23-24; 3:14-15). And, there are several other passages we could examine that support the assertion that God was the One who raised Jesus from the dead (Acts 13:30-37; Hebrews 13:20-21; Ephesians 1:15-20; Romans 6:4; Galatians 1:1; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10).

In addition to this, the Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead. In Romans 8:11, Paul tells the Romans that “**the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.**” In 1 Peter 3:18, Peter tells us “**For Christ**” was “**made alive by the Spirit.**”

As we examine all of these passages written by the same people, it is interesting to note that Paul, Peter, and thus ultimately God (since these men wrote by His inspiration), say that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit each raised Jesus from the dead. So, is God the author of confusion? 1 Corinth-