

Jesus post resurrection body and post ascension body comparison

Matthew 28:1-10 (NKJV)

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 Galilee; 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. And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, **Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."**

* The angel was reflecting his heavenly glory. 1 Cor.15:40-41

* Jesus met the women in His resurrected body, no description of His body given in this text, but the women held Him by His feet.

Matthew 28:16-20 (NKJV)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. **When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

* Some of the disciples had doubt.

Mark 16:9-20 (NKJV)

Now when *He* rose early on the first *day* of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. **And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.** After that, **He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country.** **And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either.** Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and **He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.** And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen. **(ends with the ascension)**

* The disciples did not believe Mary's report

* Jesus appeared in ANOTHER FORM, being God He can do this at His choosing for various reasons. The disciples did not believe their report of seeing Him alive.

* Jesus rebuked the 11 disciples for their unbelief and hardness of heart because they should have believed the reports of Him being alive because; Jesus told them beforehand what was going to happen to Him and the people who reported Him being alive are known by them and aren't liars.

Luke 24:13-53 (NKJV)

Now behold, **two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.** And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those *who were* with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see." **Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.** Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. **Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.** And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those *who were* with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" And they told about the things *that had happened* on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread. **Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence.** Then He said to them, "These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things.

Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen. **(ends with the ascension)**

* The two disciples on the road to Emmaus are met by Jesus but He changed form so that their eyes were restrained from recognizing Him.

* Jesus rebukes their unbelief and gives them a personal bible study concerning the Christ.

* Jesus reveals Himself to them and disappears.

- * The two disciples report to the 11 disciples all that happened and Jesus appeared in their midst and calmed them because they thought they were seeing a spirit.
- * Jesus shows them His fleshly body and says “handle me for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as I have.” Though He was in His resurrected body Jesus chose this fleshly bodily form to prove to the disciples that it was Him, the Jesus they last remembered seeing dead on the cross but now alive. They were to be witnesses to the world of a risen Savior and had to believe that it really was Him.
- * Some of the disciples still wouldn’t believe it was Him, so He asked them for some food and ate it in front of them, a very human and alive thing to do.

John 20:11-31 (NKJV)

But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down *and looked* into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." ***Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus.***

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.' " *Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.*

Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, ***Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.*** So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained." ***Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."*** And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. ***Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"*** Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

- * Mary at the tomb is in an emotional state with her back to Jesus speaking to whom she thought was a gardener, Jesus calls her name and she turns and immediately recognizes her Lord and out of pure joy, belief and love throws herself on Him to which He says, “Do not cling to Me for I have not yet ascended to My Father...” The reasons why? We are not told.
- * Jesus appears in the disciples midst and offers them proof of having been crucified and now being alive and they were glad.
- * Thomas not being present at Jesus first appearing to the disciples states his conditions to what would make him believe that Jesus was alive.
- * Jesus addresses Thomas’ conditions of belief and disbelief but Thomas believed just by seeing.

John 21:1-14 (NKJV)

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed *Himself*: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ***Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.***

But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, "Come *and* eat breakfast." ***Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"--knowing that it was the Lord.*** Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. ***This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.***

* Jesus offers more proof of His being alive and being the Jesus they knew by performing a miracle again that they experienced in the past, the catching of many fish in their net after having been 'skunked' up till that point.

* This time they knew it was the Lord

* As the saying goes, 'The third time was the charm'.

The Transfiguration

Mat 17:1-13 After six days, Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them up into a high mountain by themselves. He was transfigured before them. ***His face shone like the sun, and his garments became as white as the light.*** Behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them talking with him. Peter answered, and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, let's make three tents here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them. Behold, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him." When the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces, and were very afraid. Jesus came and touched them and said, "Get up, and don't be afraid." Lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, except Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, ***"Don't tell anyone what you saw, until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."*** His disciples asked him, saying, "Then why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" Jesus answered them, "Elijah indeed comes first, and will restore all things, but I tell you that Elijah has come already, and they didn't recognize him, but did to him whatever they wanted to. Even so the Son of Man will also suffer by them." Then the disciples understood that he spoke to them of John the Baptizer.

* Jesus shows His pre-incarnate glorious body and majesty to Pete, James and John

* They couldn't tell of this event till after Jesus rose from the dead, why? No reason given. Peter shared this story in his second letter 1:16-21 reasons given there. 1.) Not a tale 2.) Eyewitnesses of His majesty 3.) Witnesses to God giving Him honor and glory and God's testimony that Jesus was His Son 4.) This made all prophesy a sure thing for them, and that they were from Holy Spirit

Mar 9:2-12 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, and brought them up onto a high mountain privately by themselves, **and he was changed into another form in front of them. His clothing became glistening, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them.** Elijah and Moses appeared to them, and they were talking with Jesus. Peter answered Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let’s make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” For he didn’t know what to say, for they were very afraid. A cloud came, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Suddenly looking around, they saw no one with them any more, except Jesus only. As they were coming down from the mountain, he commanded them that they should tell no one what things they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. **They kept this saying to themselves, questioning what the “rising from the dead” meant.** They asked him, saying, “Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” He said to them, “Elijah indeed comes first, and restores all things. How is it written about the Son of Man, that he should suffer many things and be despised? But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they have also done to him whatever they wanted to, even as it is written about him.”

* Jesus ‘form’ was changed into that of His former glory, He being God though as a man in the flesh could change His form at will.

* The three didn’t yet understand what was meant by rising from the dead.

Luk 9:28-36 About eight days after these sayings, he took with him Peter, John, and James, and went up onto the mountain to pray. **As he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became white and dazzling.** Behold, **two men were talking with him, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory, and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.** Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they were fully awake, they saw his glory, and the two men who stood with him. As they were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let’s make three tents: one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” not knowing what he said. While he said these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered into the cloud. A voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him!” When the voice came, Jesus was found alone. They were silent, and told no one in those days any of the things which they had seen.

* Jesus changed His appearance before them to a glorious state.

* Moses and Elijah also appeared in glorious form 1 Cor.15:40-41

Concerning The Resurrection

Mat 22:23-33 On that day Sadducees (those who say that there is no resurrection) came to him. They asked him, saying, “Teacher, Moses said, ‘If a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up offspring for his brother.’ Now there were with us seven brothers. The first married and died, and having no offspring left his wife to his brother. In the same way, the second also, and the third, to the seventh. After them all, the woman died. In the resurrection therefore, whose wife will she be of the seven? For they all had her.” **But Jesus answered them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are like God’s angels in heaven.** But concerning the resurrection of the dead, haven’t you read that which was spoken to you by God, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?’ God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.” When the multitudes heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

* We will be like angels, glorious appearance, eternal- no need for pro-creation. No need for sex/marriage.

Mark 12:23-27 (NKJV)

“...In the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be of them? For the seven had her as a wife.” Jesus answered them, “Isn’t this because you are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God? For when they will rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. But about the dead, that they are raised; haven’t you read in the book of Moses, about the Bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are therefore badly mistaken.”

* Though the flesh has died and the Spirit goes back to God, the soul of man lives on in Hades waiting for the resurrection from the dead.

Luke 20:33-38

“...Therefore in the resurrection whose wife of them will she be? For the seven had her as a wife.” Jesus said to them, “The children of this age marry, and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage. **For they can’t die any more, for they are like the angels, and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.** But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush, when he called the Lord ‘The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ Now he is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all are alive to him.”

* We are like the angels and are eternal and can’t die.

Ascension of Jesus

Act 1:1-11 The first book I wrote, Theophilus, concerned all that Jesus began both to do and to teach, until the day in which he was received up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. **To these he also showed himself alive after he suffered, by many proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days,** and speaking about God’s Kingdom. Being assembled together with them, he commanded them, “Don’t depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which you heard from me. For John indeed baptized in water, but you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Therefore when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, are you now restoring the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It isn’t for you to know times or seasons which the Father has set within his own authority. **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem,** in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.” **When he had said these things, as they were looking, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight.** While they were looking steadfastly into the sky as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white clothing, who also said, “You men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who was received up from you into the sky, will come back in the same way as you saw him going into the sky.”

* Jesus showed Himself alive after He suffered in the flesh for 40 days, by offering many proofs involving a mortal type body to show that He was alive. Was it a resurrected body? Yes, but Jesus being God chose that form to prove it was Him and that He was alive because even His closest companions found it hard to believe that it was actually Him. If He had appeared to them in His Majestic Glorified body they would have had even a harder time believing it was Him because that form was not familiar to them. That’s why He chose to appear to them in a human boldy form that they knew and were familiar with.

* One of the requirements to be an apostle is that they were eyewitnesses of His resurrection and ascension and that is why Jesus appeared many times to them offering the proofs that He did to convince them it was He. If they still had doubts, would make them false witnesses.

* The final proof that He showed them was the ascension up to heaven to be with His Father in heaven, just as He said.

Post Ascension Appearance of Jesus

Jesus Appears to Saul

Act 9:3-18 *As he traveled, he got close to Damascus, and suddenly a light from the sky shone around him. He fell on the earth, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He said, "Who are you, Lord?" The Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise up, and enter into the city, and you will be told what you must do." The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the sound, but seeing no one. Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened, he saw no one. They led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. He was without sight for three days, and neither ate nor drank.* Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias!" He said, "Behold, it's me, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Arise, and go to the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judah for one named Saul, a man of Tarsus. For behold, he is praying, and in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in, and laying his hands on him, that he might receive his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he did to your saints at Jerusalem. Here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go your way, for he is my chosen vessel to bear my name before the nations and kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for my name's sake." Ananias departed, and entered into the house. Laying his hands on him, he said, **"Brother Saul, the Lord, who appeared to you on the road by which you came, has sent me, that you may receive your sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit."** Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he received his sight. He arose and was baptized.

* Saul is blinded by the light coming from the Lord.

* The brightness from the Lord's appearance blinded Saul

Act 26:12-18 "Whereupon as I traveled to Damascus with the authority and commission from the chief priests, **at noon, O king, I saw on the way a light from the sky, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who traveled with me. When we had all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'** "I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' "He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But arise, and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose: to appoint you a servant and a witness both of the things which you have seen, and of the things which I will reveal to you; delivering you from the people, and from the Gentiles, to whom I send you, to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

* Explains to King Agrippa his conversion and commission how Jesus appeared at mid-day to him in bright light.

Jesus Appears to John on Patmos

Rev 1:10-18 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, like a trumpet saying, "What you see, write in a book and send to the seven assemblies: to Ephesus, Smyrna,

Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.” ***I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. Having turned, I saw seven golden lamp stands. And among the lamp stands was one like a son of man, clothed with a robe reaching down to his feet, and with a golden sash around his chest. His head and his hair were white as white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet were like burnished brass, as if it had been refined in a furnace. His voice was like the voice of many waters.*** He had seven stars in his right hand. Out of his mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining at its brightest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man. He laid his right hand on me, saying, ***“Don’t be afraid. I am the first and the last, and the Living one. I was dead, and behold, I am alive forever and ever. Amen. I have the keys of Death and of Hades.***

* Jesus revelation to John, His appearance was like the way He looked as when He transfigured before he, James and Peter, His glorious majestic body- God.

* At His appearance the disciple whom Jesus loved passed out as though dead. Jesus reassures John as to who He was.

Jesus in the past has appeared in His glory to Daniel in a vision

Daniel’s Vision

Dan 10:5-6 I lifted up my eyes, and looked, and behold, there was a man clothed in linen, whose thighs were adorned with pure gold of Uphaz. His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as flaming torches. His arms and his feet were like burnished brass. The voice of his words was like the voice of a multitude.

Daniel also reveals some details of the resurrection as described by Paul in 1 Cor. 15:40-49

Dan 12:1-3 “At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who stands for the children of your people; and there will be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time. At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ***Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.*** Those who are wise will shine as the brightness of the expanse. ***Those who turn many to righteousness will shine as the stars forever and ever.***

* The resurrection of the dead, some to life and some to destruction (John 5:28-29)

* When the Christian turns people to Christ, bearing fruit for Christ, they are noticeably brighter in glory at the resurrection the same way stars vary in brightness. (1 Cor.15:40-42)

Shine brightly brothers and sisters! - Jim Lokenbauer