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*"And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last" (Luke 23:46).*

1. This was the last words of Jesus before He died.
2. Jesus quoted David in Psalm 31:5).
3. Jesus died of His own will:
  - a. "I pick up my life and lay down my life when I want."
  - b. "I commit my spirit."
  - c. "... and He gave up His spirit.
4. Jesus was given authority over His life (John 10:17-18).
  - a. Jesus had authority to lay down His life but did not have the power to give Himself life.
  - b. His Father had the power to raise Him up (Ephesians 1:19-20, Acts 2:24, 32, 3:15, 26, 4:10, 5:30, 10:40, 13:30, 33-34, 37, Romans 4:24-25).
  - c. The power of God used was the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:11, 1 Peter 3:18).
  - d. Jesus did not raise Himself from the dead but was given the choice as to when.
    1. Then the Father raised Him by the power of the Holy Spirit.
    2. It is the same with us.

### **What is Death?**

1. Jesus' human spirit was separated from the Father and then put into God's keeping.
2. Physical death is the parting of the spirit from the body.
3. Spiritual death is the absence of God's life from our spirit.
  - a. Jesus faced this when He was forsaken by the Father "my God, my God..."
  - b. We are all spiritually dead before salvation.
  - c. Sinner's face this throughout life and for eternity when they die without accepting Jesus.

### **Jesus Suffered in Hell as a Sinner**

*"Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."*

*But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and*

*three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed, a greater than Jonah is here.” (Matthew 12:38-41)*

1. Jesus was three days and nights in the belly – the core of the earth.
2. Jesus, like Jonah, was spit out, then preached to the Gentiles.
3. Jesus went to the place sinners go to take our judgment and penalty.

*“Therefore, He says, “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.” (Now this, “He ascended, what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)” (Ephesians 4:8-10).*

1. When Jesus descended, He went through all the heavens, sky, outer space, to the throne of God.
2. When Jesus descended, He went into all the lower parts of the earth (hell, Tartarus, paradise).

*“But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, “ ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (That is, to bring Christ up from the dead)” (Romans 10:6-7).*

1. Abyss is translated “bottomless pit” seven times in Revelation.
2. Fallen angels are kept there and one day Satan himself will be banished there for one thousand years.
3. At His quickening and resurrection, Jesus spoiled (disarmed) principalities and demon powers, making a show of them openly and fully triumphing over them (Colossians 2:15).

### **Jesus Was the First to be Born Again**

*“Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead...” (Revelation 1:5).*

*“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren” (Romans 8:29).*

1. After being given new life, Jesus stayed for forty days and preached.
2. Like Jonah, He turned from the Jews to the Gentiles.

*“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory” (1 Timothy 3:16).*