

## II Timothy 2:8; Lord's Day 17

# HE AROSE FROM THE DEAD

### 1. The event.

1. The Catechism speaks only of its significance, but Scripture is clear on the fact of Jesus' resurrection.
2. Jesus arose literally and physically in the very same body in which He died.
3. Both are true: Jesus arose and God raised Him.

- The meaning and significance of this historical event.

1. Jesus overcame sin and thus death (for sin causes death, Rom. 6:23).

1. His resurrection is God's declaration of our justification: our debt is paid in full (Romans 4:25).
2. Even more, it is justification, a partaking of perfect righteousness.

- Further, our regeneration is Christ making us partakers of His resurrection life.

1. Our spiritually dead hearts are made alive with a new, heavenly life.
2. The power of this life is that it shall never die (I Peter 1:5,9).

- His resurrection is a pledge of our bodily resurrection.

1. He is the first-begotten of the dead and the first-fruits of the resurrection (I Cor. 15:20-23).
2. He Who is the resurrection and the life (John 11:25) raised Lazarus to show His power over death.

- Finally, Jesus' resurrection encourages Timothy in his work (II Tim. 2:8).