

## **The Resurrection Passage Hebrews 11**

- I. The Entirety of Scripture Points Us To Jesus
  - A. Jesus Himself declares this (Luke 24:44)
  - B. All of the New Testament preachers and writers used the Old Testament this way
- II. Where You Find Jesus, You Find Pictures of the Full Gospel
  - A. We often say that the Old Testament is “Jesus Christ concealed” and the New Testament is “Jesus Christ revealed”
    - 1. That is true in an historical sense
    - 2. But not necessarily in a theological one
  - B. The Scripture used by the very authors of the New Testament was the Old Testament – and they had no trouble finding Jesus and His gospel in its pages
  - C. Enter the “great faith passage” of Hebrews 11
    - 1. I would like to contend this morning that this is not fully (or solely) about the faith of those who have gone before
    - 2. This text is also a strong testimony of the pre-gospel witness to the hope of the resurrection
- III. The Story of Resurrection as Told from the Old Testament (Hebrews 11)
  - A. Creation narrative and resurrection (3)
  - B. Abel, though dead, still speaks (4)
  - C. The translation of Enoch, that among the dead he should experience fullness of life (5)
  - D. Noah and the ark – life emerging from surrounding death (7)
  - E. Abraham – called from a land of death to a promise of future life (8-10)
  - F. Abraham and Sarah – the “deadness” of their bodies due to age and the blessing of life (11-12)
  - G. The welcoming of unseen promises, even as death settled in (13)
  - H. Abraham and Isaac – belief that resurrection could occur (19)
  - I. Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph – extending life even in their deaths (20-22)
    - 1. Joseph called for his bones to be moved from the land of death to the land of promise
    - 2. Picture of life in community
  - J. Moses – who should have died was pulled out of the water to life (23)
  - K. Moses – who could have enjoyed the trappings of a false life with the Egyptians instead “suffered” with his people (and Christ) – (24-26)
  - L. The Passover – an incredible picture of life from what should have been certain death
    - 1. Substitution
    - 2. Release from slavery
    - 3. From the death of a foreign power to life in the land of promise
  - M. The Red Sea – (1 Corinthians 10; sharers in Christ) – (29)
  - N. Jericho and Rahab – certain death that rather became life
  - O. Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, Prophets, Others
  - P. Why? To Receive something better – to all participate together in something greater... which is Jesus Christ and Him crucified and risen