

DEAD - Read Luke 23:39-53

Luke 23:43 KJV And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt **thou be with me in paradise.**

Luke 23:46 KJV And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend **my spirit:** and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

Luke 23:52-53 KJV This man went unto Pilate, and begged **the body** of Jesus.
53 And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.

BEGOTTEN or BORN G4416 *prototokos*

Whether your Bible says first-begotten or firstborn is not important, as far as I can tell.

Romans 8:29

Tyndale For those which he knewe before he also ordeyned before yt they shuld be lyke fassioned vnto the shape of his sonne that he myght be ye **fyrst begotten** sonne amoge many brethren.

Geneva For those which hee knewe before, he also predestinate to bee made like to the image of his Sonne, that hee might be the **first borne** among many brethren.

KJV For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the **firstborn** among many brethren.

The normal thing for men is to be begotten of human parents, to be born from the mother's womb.

But think what a wondrous thing it is that Jesus Christ is begotten of the dead.

FIRST

Jesus of Nazareth was not the first human being to rise from the dead. So he is not the firstbegotten or firstborn from the dead in that sense.

But Jesus of Nazareth was the first human being to die, then to rise again to everlasting life.

So, of all the congregation, of all human beings who will rise from the dead to enjoy everlasting life, He is the first.

He is made the first, that in all He may have the preeminence [to stand out, to stand above]

PRIEST

The first and second easier to identify. This not as obvious, yet very well established.

Hebrews 4:14 KJV Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

Hebrews 7:23-27 KJV And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue **by reason of death:** 24 But this man, because **he continueth ever**, hath an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing **he ever liveth to make intercession for them.** 26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; 27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when **he offered up himself.**

Knollys [not quoting]: description of the priestly office, consisting of two things:
-satisfaction
-intercession

John 10:17-18 KJV Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.