

Who raised Jesus?
Did He raise Himself?

It has been said that Christ raised himself from the dead, that He had power to raise Himself. Is it so?

John 10:18 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.

Strong's 1849--power.

ex-oo-see'-ah

power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases, leave or permission

The plan of redemption was entirely voluntary on the part of our Redeemer, and it is the purpose of Christ that all our benevolence should be freewill offerings. {3T 413.3}

First lets compare scripture with scripture. The meaning then is that He had the power to choose to die for us or not!

Second, He could not be our Substitute if He did raise himself, for we can not raise ourself, therefore He would not be subject to eternal separation from the Father by death as we are! Giving us an excuse for none compliance.

Now that we see this Scripture refers to His Choice.
Now we can see He could use nothing that we cannot.
Can we raise ourselves from the Dead?

"Christ felt that by sin He was being separated from His Father. The gulf was so broad, so black, so deep, that His spirit shuddered before it. ***This agony He must not exert His divine power to escape.*** As man He must suffer the consequences of man's sin. As man He must endure the wrath of God against transgression. " {ST, January 15, 1902 par. 2}

Not without a struggle could Jesus listen in silence to the arch-deceiver. But the Son of God was not to prove His divinity to Satan, or to explain the reason of His humiliation. By conceding to the demands of the rebel, nothing for the good of

man or the glory of God would be gained. Had Christ complied with the suggestion of the enemy, Satan would still have said, Show me a sign that I may believe you to be the Son of God. Evidence would have been worthless to break the power of rebellion in his heart. *And Christ was not to exercise divine power for His own benefit.* He had come to bear trial as we must do, leaving us an example of faith and submission. Neither here nor at any subsequent time in His earthly life did He work a miracle in His own behalf. His wonderful works were all for the good of others. Though Jesus recognized Satan from the beginning, He was not provoked to enter into controversy with him. Strengthened with the memory of the voice from heaven, He rested in His Father's love. He would not parley with temptation. {DA 119.3}

Jesus revealed *no qualities, and exercised no powers, that men may not have* through faith in Him. His perfect humanity is that which all His followers may possess, if they will be in subjection to God as He was. {DA 664.4}

Satan in heaven had hated Christ for His position in the courts of God. He hated Him the more when he himself was dethroned. He hated Him who pledged Himself to redeem a race of sinners. Yet into the world where Satan claimed dominion God permitted His Son to come, a helpless babe, subject to the weakness of humanity. *He permitted Him to meet life's peril in common with every human soul,* to fight the battle *as every child of humanity must fight it,* at the risk of failure and eternal loss. {DA 49.1}

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1 Cor. 15:13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

15:14 And if Christ be not risen, then [is] our preaching vain, and your faith [is] also vain.

15:15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of **God that he raised up Christ:** whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

1Thess 1:9 For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true **God;**

1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he **raised from the dead,** [even] Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

But notice the Apostles and One who was there, didn't believe Christ raised Himself from the Grave.

Acts. 2:24 Whom **God hath raised up**, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

2:32 This Jesus **hath God raised up**, whereof we all are witnesses.

3:15 And killed the Prince of life, whom **God hath raised from the dead**; whereof we are witnesses.

3:26 Unto you first **God, having raised up** his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

4:10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom **God raised from the dead**, [even] by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

5:30 The **God of our fathers raised up** Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

10:40 Him **God raised up** the third day, and showed him openly;

13:30 But **God raised him from the dead**:

13:33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, **in that he hath raised up** Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

13:34 And as concerning that **he raised him up from the dead**, [now] no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.

13:37 But he, **whom God raised** again, saw no corruption.

17:31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by [that] man whom he hath ordained; [whereof] he hath given assurance unto all [men], **in that he hath raised him from the dead**.

Romans. 4:24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead **by the glory of the Father**, even so we also should walk in

newness of life.

8:11 But if the Spirit of him **that raised** up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, **he that raised** up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart **that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.**

1Cor. 6:14 And **God hath both raised** up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

15:15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because **we have testified of God the he raised up Christ:** whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

2Cor. Knowing that he which **raised up** the Lord Jesus **shall** raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present [us] with you.

Gal. 1:1 Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who **raised him** from the dead;)

Eph. 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, **when he raised him from the dead,** and set [him] at his own right hand in the heavenly [places],

Col. 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with [him] through the faith of the operation of God, **who hath raised** him from the dead.

1Thess. 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom **he raised from the dead,** [even] Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

1Peter. 1:21 Who by him do believe in God, **that raised him up from the dead,** and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.