

Questions About Who Resurrected Jesus from His Grave

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Who resurrected Jesus from His grave?

Answer:

Great question — and one that reveals the mystery and power of the **Triune God** in perfect unity.

The Bible reveals that all three persons of the Godhead were involved in the resurrection of Jesus:

God the Father Raised Jesus

- **Romans 6:4** — *“Christ was raised from the dead by the **glory of the Father...**”*
- **Galatians 1:1** — *“Paul, an apostle... through Jesus Christ and God the Father, **who raised Him from the dead.**”*
- **Acts 2:24** — *“But **God raised Him up**, having loosed the pains of death...”*

This shows the **Father’s active role** in resurrecting Jesus, affirming His divine approval and acceptance of the atoning sacrifice.

Jesus Raised Himself

- **John 10:17–18** — *“I lay down My life, that I may take it again. No one takes 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.**”*
- **John 2:19–21** — *“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will **raise it up...** But He was speaking of the temple of His body.”*

This affirms Jesus’ **divine authority and self-existence** — that even in death, He retained the power over life.

The Holy Spirit Raised Jesus

- **Romans 8:11** — *“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ... will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”*
- **1 Peter 3:18** — *“...being put to death in the flesh but **made alive by the Spirit.**”*

The **Holy Spirit**, the power and breath of God, also participated in giving life back to Jesus’ body.

Summary: A Unified Resurrection

Person of the Godhead	Scripture References	Role
God the Father	Rom. 6:4, Gal. 1:1, Acts 2:24	Raised Jesus in power
God the Son (Jesus)	John 10:18, John 2:19	Raised Himself
God the Holy Spirit	Rom. 8:11, 1 Pet. 3:18	Gave life to His mortal body

The resurrection is a divine act of **Trinitarian power** — **not a contradiction**, but a beautiful demonstration of **unity within the Godhead**.

Why This Matters:

Jesus’ resurrection wasn’t a human act or a mysterious force — it was the **intentional act of God**, displaying:

- **Victory over sin and death**
- **God’s complete approval of Jesus’ sacrifice**
- **Hope of our own resurrection through faith in Him**

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.”

— *John 11:25*