

3—The Prophecies and Parables of Jesus on the Resurrection

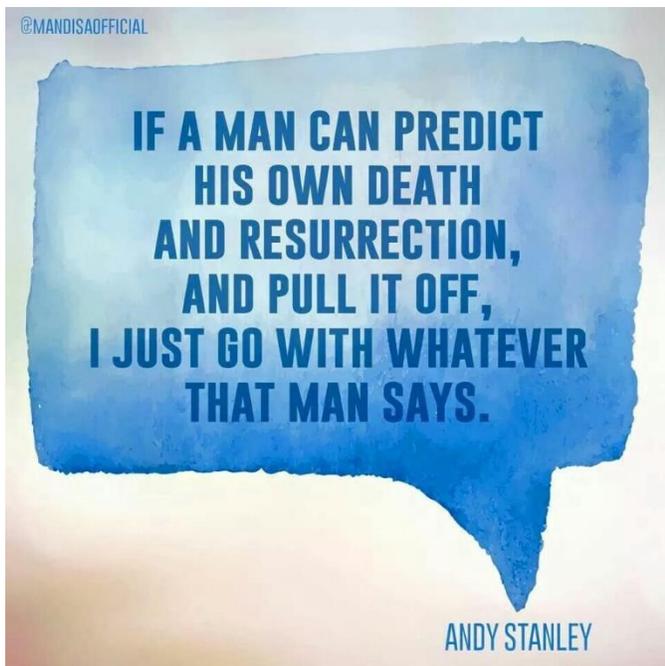
Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-18

1. If you were to publicly make the prediction you were going to be raised from the dead three days after your own death what would your friends and family think about you?

2. In the Parable of the Vinedressers, Jesus may be more specific about the resurrection than in any other parable. What do the following characters represent (Mark 12:1-11)?

- The owner of the vineyard—
- The vinedressers (cp. Isaiah 5:1-7)—
- The servants sent to the Jewish nation (cp. 2 Chronicles 36:14-16)—
- The son—

3. Jesus quotes from Psalm 118:22-23 as He refers to the rejected Son—what would happen to Him (Mark 12:10-11)?



4. When this passage is used in other New Testament passages, to what event is it applied (cp. Acts 4:11; 1 Peter 2:4,7; Romans 9:32-33; Ephesians 2:20)?

5. In Matthew 12:38-40 Jesus offers another validating sign of His authority. What coming sign is mentioned?

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6. In John 2:18-22, the Jews demand another sign to prove the credibility of Jesus. What does Jesus offer them as a coming sign of His authority?

7. What predictions does Jesus make after His promise to build the church (Matthew 16:21), after His transfiguration (Matthew 17:9; cp. Mark 9:10), prior to entering Jerusalem (Matthew 20:18-19), and at the Last Supper (Matt 26:32)?

8. Were these predictions only a private matter, or were they known among the enemies of Jesus as well (Matthew 27:63; Mark 14:58)? What motivated His enemies to seal the tomb after His death?

9. Prior to the death of Jesus, what words of comfort did Jesus offer to His disciples (John 14:18-20, 28-29)? When Jesus explains this statement, what does He specifically say to reassure His disciples (John 16:17-22)?

10. With all of this evidence in mind, is it fair to say the resurrection was an unexpected surprise? How are these passages reassuring to us as believers?