

Grappling with the Easter Sabbath on an Easter Sabbath

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Greek vs. Hebrew thinking

- 1) Did Jesus die the First or Second death? (cf. Rom 6:23; Rev 2:11; 20:6.14-15; 21:8)
- 2) Did Jesus just rest in the tomb (since it was Sabbath), or “sleep” (to use His own term for death)? Or did Jesus enter some state of total non-existence only to begin a new state of existence at the instant of resurrection? (Col 3:3)
- 3) Did Jesus die a human death only? What happened to the Divine nature during the “three” days? What happened to The Word when the Word that became Flesh died? Was “the Word” diminished and then restored?

How did the death of Jesus affect the Trinity? Did it tear itself apart on Good Friday?

- 4) How much “fully human” was there in the resurrected Jesus?

Thoughts on the “fully human, fully divine” Jesus ascending as per Acts 1

How “fully human” is Jesus as he “sits at the right hand of the Father”?

- 5) The vast majority of Christians believe the blood of Christ brings about salvation. How might Lev 17:11 affect our understanding of this? Should we instead emphasise Christ giving up his life over Christ “spilling his blood”? In light of that, how to understand Heb 9:12.22?
- 6) How to understand 1 Peter 3:18-20? How do we explain this difficult text (cf. 2 Peter 3:16) in a way that does not create even greater exegetical or biblical/theological problems (cf. 2 Cor 6:2; Heb 9:27)?