

AND IF THE SPIRIT OF HIM WHO RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD IS LIVING IN YOU, HE WHO RAISED CHRIST FROM THE DEAD WILL ALSO GIVE LIFE TO YOUR MORTAL **BODIES BECAUSE OF HIS** SPIRIT WHO LIVES IN YOU.

Revelation 21:4-5 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," <sup>4</sup> God will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. <sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne [Jesus] said, "I am making everything new!

- Be like the body of Jesus. Philippians 3:21 Jesus will transform our bodies to be like his glorious body
- Be literal bodies that eat and drink. Luke 24 Jesus said: 'Touch me; a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones...Jesus ate fish'
- Be Transformed body but 1 Cor 15:37-38 God gives to each seed its own body. Identity and individuality, personality memory
- Be different from each other, 1 Cor 15:41-42 'stars differ from stars in splendour'
- Be powerful 1 Cor 15:43 'sown in weakness, raised in power.'
- Be like angels: they can't die any more because you're immortal (Luke 20:36) 1 Cor 15:42 you're a child of the resurrection
- There won't be sex in heaven, no sexuality is not of eternal value, faithfulness is not sex Matthew 22:30
- Be luminous Daniel 12:3 wise shine like the stars forever Matthew 13:33 Jesus said you will shine like the sun. Moses 34:35 skin shone. Jesus shone at the transfiguration Mat 17:2
- Be glorious 1 Cor 15: 43 'shown in dishonour, raised in glory'
- Be a Spiritual body and Physical one 1 Cor 15:44
- Be able to appear in locked rooms and disappear John 20 and Luke 24:13 The road to Emmaus He comes and goes as though he belongs both in our world and in a different world, one which intersects with ours at various points.
- Be heavenly, 1 Cor 15: 48 'bourne in the image of an earthly person, bear the image of spiritual person'.



6<sup>th</sup>-Century Mosaics of female martyrs in the Church of Sant' **Apollinare** Nuovo Italy

Early on the first day of the week, the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said.

As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side.

They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

John 20:19-23

## **Jesus Appears to Thomas**

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

Eight days later, the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said.

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

"My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.

Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."