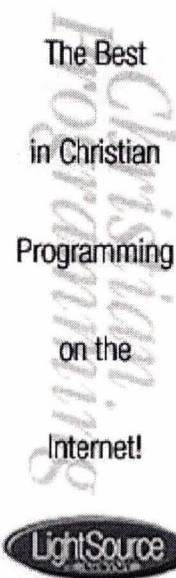


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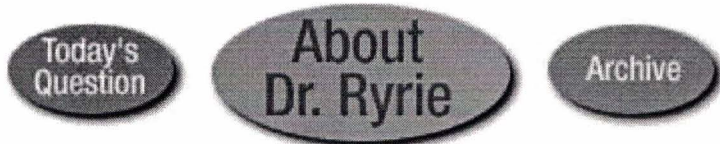


Friday, December 12, 1997

Subject: Where did Jesus go between the crucifixion and the resurrection?

Dear Dr. Ryrie: Did Jesus descend to hell during the period between the crucifixion and resurrection? I learned this while I was in one denomination, but I'm not sure there is any Scripture to support it. --Julie K.

Dear Julie: Some believe, based on 1 Peter 3:19, that Jesus went to hades between His death and resurrection to announce His victory over sin. Personally, I believe this verse refers to the pre-incarnate Christ preaching through the Spirit to the people who lived on the earth just before the flood came in Noah's time. Hades sometimes refers to what we call hell, but it also refers to the grave, and that is the meaning in Acts 2:27--Christ would not be left in the grave but would rise from the dead.



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