

# Sovereign

Breath!

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# The breath of God

- Spirit, breath & wind

**Ezekiel 37:1**

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

*A nod and a wink ;-)*



# What other TRUTHS is this passage pointing to?

**A nod & a wink to**

**We are 'dead' without the Spirit  
The resurrection of Jesus  
The final resurrection**





# Death valley

## The aftermath

**Ezekiel 37:2**

He led me to and fro among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.



# A penetrating question

## A dodged response

**Ezekiel 37:3**

He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know."





# “YOU(!) prophesy ...”

It's only as we get involved ....

**Ezekiel 37:4**

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!



# Without breath ...

we are nothing

**Ezekiel 37:8**

I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.





# Without breath ...

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**Genesis 3:16**

”... for dust you are and to dust you will return.”





# God breathed!

**We carry God's breath!**

**Ezekiel 37:9-10**

**'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these ... that they may live.' "**

**... and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet ....**





# God breathed!

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**Genesis 2:7**

The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.





# God's people

**DEAD!**

**Ezekiel 37:12**

Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.'





# My Spirit in you

and you will live!

**Ezekiel 37:13-14**

Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.

I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.' "



# Jesus breathed!

We receive God's Spirit!

**John 20:22**

And with that he breathed on them and said,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit."







# Four Faces

- a lion, an ox, a man, an eagle

**Lion** - kingship

**Ox** - service and sacrifice

**Man**

**Eagle** - above earthly things (divine)





# Four Names

## 1. Yahweh Sabaoth

**1 Samuel 17:45**

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the **LORD Almighty**, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.



# Four Names

## 2. El Elyon

**Genesis 14:18**

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of **God Most High,**





# Four Names

## 3. El Shaddai

**Genesis 17:1**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am **God Almighty**; walk before me and be blameless.



# Four Names

## 4. El Qodesh

**Leviticus 11:44**

I am the **LORD your God**; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. Do not make yourselves unclean by any creature that moves about on the ground.





# A Messiah will come...

## 1. As a king

**Zechariah 9:9**

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.



# A Messiah will come...

## 2. As a suffering servant

**Isaiah 42:1**

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.





# A Messiah will come...

## 2. As a suffering servant

**Isaiah 53:4-5**

**Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,(A)  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on  
him and by his wounds we are healed.**



# A Messiah will come...

## 3. As a man

**Zechariah 6:12**

**Tell him this is what the Lord Almighty says:  
'Here is the man whose name is the Branch,  
and he will branch out from his place and build  
the temple of the Lord.**





# A Messiah will come...

## 4. as God!

**Isaiah 40:9**

**You who bring good tidings to Zion,  
go up on a high mountain.  
You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem,  
lift up your voice with a shout,  
lift it up, do not be afraid;  
say to the towns of Judah,  
"Here is your God!"**



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Which gospel emphasizes which?



# Jesus as King

- is seen in MATTHEW

**Matthew 1:1**

A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:





# Jesus as Suffering Servant

- is seen in MARK

**Mark 10:45**

**For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."**



# Jesus as a man

- is seen in LUKE

**Luke 2:52**

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.





# Jesus as God

- is seen in JOHN

**John 1:1**

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**



# Jesus

How do we RESPOND to him?

**Lion:** We obey him as King

**Ox:** We trust in his sacrifice

**Man:** We seek his friendship and understanding

**Eagle:** We worship him as God





# Jesus

What do we RECEIVE from him?

**Lion:** We receive Kingdom breakthrough

**Ox:** We receive forgiveness and healing

**Man:** We receive his friendship and transforming presence

**Eagle:** We receive his true life



# Ezekiel

fell face down

do we?

**Ezekiel 1:28**

When I saw it, I fell face down, and I heard the voice of one speaking.





