

Did Jesus descend into hell and preach to “spirits in prison” when he was in the grave?

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2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Luk 16:25 "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. (26) And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

Rev 22:11 Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy." (12) "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.

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Preaching to someone who can't do anything about it is a waste of time.

Then who preached in Noah's time?

(NAS)1Pe 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. (19) After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits-- (20) to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water,

(NET online) 1Pet 3:18 Because Christ also suffered once for sins, *the just for the unjust*, to bring you to God, by being put to death in the flesh but by being made alive in the spirit. 19 In it he went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20 after they were disobedient long ago when God patiently waited in the days of Noah as an ark was being constructed.

Noah was a preacher

2Pe 2:4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; (5) and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; (6) and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter;

Point 2

The Biblical use of agency – here
and elsewhere.

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. (14) For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, (15) by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, (16) and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. (17) AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR;

Jesus did not go physically to Ephesus to preach. Paul and others did.

How is it that this prophecy about Jesus is fulfilled?
-- by the agency of Paul

If you give you child \$20 and send him/her into the store to get a loaf of bread, who bought the bread?

The child did!

You did!

How did you do it? Through the agency of the child.

How did Jesus preach to the spirits
“who are now in prison”?

Through the agency of Noah!

How is it that those who were alive
at the time of Noah could be saved
from their sins?

Heb 10:12 but He, having offered
one sacrifice for sins for all time,
SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF
GOD,

one sacrifice for sins for all time,

Jesus' blood flowed both ways at the
cross.

Heb 11:39 And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, (40) because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

Who was saved out of the
preaching of Noah?

*In it only a few people, eight in all,
were saved through water,*

Noah, his wife, his 3 sons and their
wives.

Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Noah and his family were saved by faith!
But if they had not done as God said and built the ark, they would have drowned like the rest of the world.

Will you be saved by your faith?

1Pe 3:21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,