

Hell Defeated

## The Harrowing of Hell



Figure: The harrowing of hell, s. xv (cco: [source](#))

## Biblical Basis

“

9: Therefore my heart hath been glad, and my tongue hath rejoiced: moreover my flesh also shall rest in hope.

10: Because **thou wilt not leave my soul in hell**; nor wilt thou give thy holy one to see corruption. (Psalm 15)

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“

22: Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you, by miracles, and wonders, and signs, which God did by him, in the midst of you, as you also know:

23: This same being delivered up, by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you by the hands of wicked men have crucified and slain.

24: Whom God hath raised up, **having loosed the sorrows of hell, as it was impossible that he should be holden by it.** (Acts

2)

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## Biblical Support

“ 8: He saith: Ascending on high, he led captivity captive; he gave gifts to men.

9: Now that he ascended, what is it, but **because he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?**

10: He that descended is the same also that ascended above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. (Ephesians 4) ”

“ 17: And when I had seen him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying: Fear not. I am the First and the Last,

18: And alive, and was dead, and behold I am living for ever and ever, **and have the keys of death and of hell.** (Apocalypse 1) ”

## Apostles' Creed (359 CE)

“

Credo in Deum Patrem omnipotentem, Creatorem caeli et  
terrae,  
et in Iesum Christum, Filium Eius unicum, Dominum nostrum,  
qui conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto, natus ex Maria Virgine,  
passus sub Pontio Pilato, crucifixus, mortuus, et sepultus,  
**descendit ad inferos**, tertia die resurrexit a mortuis,  
ascendit ad caelos, sedet ad dexteram Patris omnipotentis,  
inde venturus est iudicare vivos et mortuos.  
Credo in Spiritum Sanctum,  
sanctam Ecclesiam catholicam, sanctorum communionem,  
remissionem peccatorum,  
carnis resurrectionem,  
vitam aeternam.  
Amen.

”

# Leaps of Christ

“

Listen! My beloved!  
Behold, he is coming,  
Climbing on the mountains,  
Leaping on the hills! (Song of Solomon 2:8)

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1. **Incarnation** (leap down into the womb)
2. **Crucifixion** (leap up onto the cross)
3. Harrowing of hell (leap down into hell)
4. Resurrecion (leap up to earth)
5. **Ascension** (leap up to heaven)
6. Second coming (leap down to earth)

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