

## To Hell and Back

1 Peter 3:18-22

### Introduction

**I. Where did Jesus go during the interval between His death and resurrection?**

**II. What did Jesus do during the interval between His death and resurrection?**

#### 3 Main Views

1. Paid a Ransom to Satan in hell (Ransom Theory of the Atonement)
2. Carried souls of OT saints from Paradise to heaven (Eph 4:7-11)
3. Proclaimed victory to demonic spirits in Tartarus

#### 4 main interpretations of 1 Peter 3:19

1. The pre-incarnate Christ preached to men through Noah in Noah's day. Because they were disobedient they are now spirits in prison (hell). *Augustine and Reformers' view*
2. Between His death and resurrection Christ visited the underworld and preached to human spirits in hell to give them a second chance for salvation.
3. Between His death and resurrection, Christ proclaimed release to people who had repented just before they died in the flood, and led them out of their imprisonment (in Purgatory) into heaven. *Roman Catholic view*
4. Between His death and resurrection, Christ visited the realm of imprisoned angels who sinned in Genesis 6, that is, He visited Tartarus and proclaimed victory over the angels that are bound there (Colossians 2:15; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6). *Oldest view*