

## RAISE / RAISE UP

(ἤγειρεν = 'eigeiren')

*To raise up, to arouse, to cause to rise, to arouse from sleep, to awake, to recall the dead to life, to cause to appear, to cause to be born, to erect a new structure.*

(ἀναστήσας = 'anastisas')

*To cause to rise up, raise up, to raise up from laying down, to raise up from the dead, to cause to be born, to cause to appear, to bring forth, to rise up against any one.*

**Acts 13:30, "But God raised Him from the dead."** In this instance the word 'eigeiren' is used. Note, Jesus didn't raise Himself! After all, He had entrusted His spirit into His Father's hands. The word "**raised**" in the original Greek is frequently used in the sense of 'raising' or 'rising' from the dead. It was used in all the Gospels when recording Christ's miracles relating to Him raising the dead.

This word implies that the action of being raised 'restores former glory' [in a physical sense]. And in Christ's case, this glory remained [He received eternal glory - in spirit, soul and body - after He was raised from the dead]. All the people who Christ raised from the dead still died at a later stage [they experienced physical decay], but Jesus lives forever and the decaying process never touched Him! By reason of His holiness, He saw no corruption.

(Verses 33) "**God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He raised up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You'.** In this verse the word 'anastisas' appears and it can be translated "**raised**", "**raised up**" or "**having raised up again**," there is an argument in favour of all translations. Note, here there is no mention of death - it does not say '*raised up from the dead*'! Also, it confirms its context and setting by referring to an Old Testament prophecy.

If 'anastasis' is given a meaning which indicates a "*changing of one's physical position*" [taking on another form], it can then not be referring to the resurrection [as many argue] but possibly to the moment in time when "**the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.**" When divinity took on humanity! This view would be in line with **Isaiah 11:1,2**. However, I personally think that this "**raising up**" ['standing up again'] refers directly to the new position which Jesus was placed in when He ascended to be seated at the right hand of God. I believe it points to Christ's pre-eminence - His exceeding and superior position.