



Are There Real Ghosts and Goblins? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

QUESTION: "Are there real ghosts and goblins?"

ANSWER: There is more folklore than fact in these things that scare. No bodies have been released from their graves until Jesus calls us all forth for the Judgment Day ([Hebrews 9:27-28](#)).

1. **Scared, Of What?** What scares you this time of the year? Is it houses haunted by fake "ghosts and goblins?" Or is it sights and sounds that are not human and hard to identify? Or is it make-believe "zombies," "vampires," or "werewolves?" The only time dead people walked the earth again was when Jesus Christ died on the cross, an earthquake opened graves ...

... And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ([Matthew 27:52-53](#))

They proved Jesus was raised from the dead, not that we should fear the night. If you obey God, then

When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet. ([Proverbs 3:24](#))

2. **Jesus Is No Ghost.** After Jesus fed a multitude of 5000 men, not counting women and children, with five loaves of bread and two fish, He sent His disciples on the sea of Galilee ahead of Him.

But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." ([Matthew 14:24-27](#))

They were afraid when they thought they were dealing with a "ghost," or out-of-body being, but were mistaken. Faith in Jesus Christ overcomes fear.

3. **Jesus Is No Zombie.**

But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is

risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”
(**Matthew 28:5-6**)

An “angel of the Lord” opened Jesus’ tomb on the first day of the week. When the women came to His tomb, it was opened, and the angel had to say, “Do not be afraid.” Death is so final, people are afraid to think a body has escaped its tomb. There is a difference in make-believe “Zombies,” and a resurrected body. Jesus was no “Zombie,” for “He is risen,” that is, His is body lived again. The thought of make-believe “Zombies” creates fear, the actual fact of Jesus’ resurrection creates faith!

“Do not be afraid.”

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