

## Greek Word Study: diaphthorá (dee-af-thor-ah')

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From **Strong's Greek Dictionary** G1312: **διαφθορά** **diaphthorá**, pronounced: *dee-af-thor-ah'*, which means, "decay". **KJV Translation(s):--corruption. The KJV NT Used G1312 6 Times**, each time referring to the decay that happens to the human body sometime after death. Here are the the only six references to "**diaphthorá**", which are all in the book of Acts:

- Acts 2:27,31 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, **neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**(Psalm 16:10 quoted) ... 31 **He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.**
- Acts 13:32-37 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, 33 **God** hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath **raised up Jesus again**; as it is also written in the second psalm, **Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee(First time God raised His Son)**. 34 And as concerning that **he(God) raised him up from the dead(Second time God raised His Son)**, now no more to return to **corruption**, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. 35 Wherefore he saith also in another psalm(**Psalm 16:10 =>**), **Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption**. 36 For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw **corruption**: 37 But he, whom God raised again, saw no **corruption**.
- Here we see that **David's body decayed** after death, but **Jesus' body did not decay** while He was dead. But, **why?** The short answer is that Jesus was not dead long enough for His body to decay.

**According to the Bible, how long does it take after death for the dead body to see corruption(decay)?**

- John11:39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him(Lazarus) that was dead, saith unto him, **Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.**

Now, what would be the cause of the body of Lazarus to stink? It must have started to decay. In other words, his body was "seeing" **corruption - decay - diaphthorá**. How long did it take? No more than "four days." **So, if Jesus had been dead four days, or more, would His flesh have seen corruption?** Some might now be thinking, "**Sid! Why does this matter?**" That would be a good question. The answer is that there are many who think that Jesus was dead for four, or more days. But, from this study, we see that this is impossible. For more detail on the timing of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, see => <http://sidnash.org/docs/TimingJesusD&R.html>

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