

The

Rapture

As a

Mystery

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

**Behold, I shew you a
mystery; We shall not
all sleep, but we shall
all be changed**

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Meaning of “Mystery”

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Some sacred thing hidden or secret which is naturally unknown to human reason (Rm.16:25; Ep.1:9; 3:9; 6:19; Cl.1:26-27; 4:3) and is only known by the revelation of God (Rm.11:25; 1Co.2:7; 4:1; 14:2; 15:51; Cl.2:2; 1Tm.3:16).

EXAMPLES:

- 1 Rm.11:25, Israel temporality blinded (Du.32:21; Is.28:9-17; 65:1,13-16; Ps.118:22-24).
- 2 1Co.15:51, Resurrection will include “living” believers (Jb.19:25-26; Da.12:2).
- 3 Ep.3:3-6, The church will include both Jews and Gentiles as one body in Christ (Mt.16:18; 18:17).

NATURE OF THE “MYSTERY”

1 Something about the future resurrection of believers is considered a “mystery”

2 The “mystery” aspect is NOT resurrection itself
(Jb.19:25-26; Da.12:2)

3 The resurrection will include “living” believers (those who have not died physically)

4 When Christ returns He will resurrect believers who have died, and those still alive at the time

DISCIPLES AND THE CHURCH

As foundation builders, the disciples were recipients of information pertinent and vital to the church. Jesus did not teach his disciples as members of the nation of Israel, but as those who were to be leaders in the new priestly body the Church.