

Dear Jason,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You asked about Psalm 16:10, quoting, “You will not leave my soul in Hades nor allow your Holy one to see decay.” Although Peter said that the quote is prophetic since David’s body decayed, you wondered if David could also have been talking about his future resurrection during Judgment Day.

In Acts 2:25-28, the Apostle Peter quotes Psalm 16:8-11 and then explains these verses in Acts 2:29-35. “Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him an oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. [Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay.](#) God raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses to the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised holy spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascent to heaven, and yet he said, ‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.’”

The Apostle Paul also shares Peter’s thought when he says in Acts 13:36-37, “For when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed. But the one whom God raised from the dead did not decay.” From this quote and from the context of Acts 13 we believe that it is Jesus that David referred to in Psalm 16:10 and not himself. David’s body was buried and saw “decay.” Our Lord’s body was not left in the grave. It did not see decay. God disposed of Jesus’ fleshly body and resurrected Him with a spiritual one.

Of course we know that David will come forth from the grave at the time the Lord has appointed for him, but we do not believe that Psalm 16:10 is a reference to David or to that time. We believe that David is making a prophetic reference to Jesus in Psalm 16:10. We hope we have answered your question. Be sure to sign up for CQ Rewind at [www.christianquestions.net](http://www.christianquestions.net). The service is free without obligation and will provide you with scriptural perspective on many questions and topics.

Sincerely,  
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