When we look at 1 Peter 3:18-20 we must ask a few questions. How did Jesus preach to these spirits in prison? Who are these spirits in prison? And when did He do this? Thankfully the Bible gives us the answers. ˹Being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19 by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison,˹ the question is who is the individual mentioned in the words ‘by whom’ found in verse 19? If you read the verse it says ‘by whom’ the Spirit, 19 by whom? Thus the ‘by whom’ is the Holy Spirit. So with that in mind the verse says the following that Christ by the Holy Spirit went and preached to the spirits in prison. OK that makes it a little clearer. But that begs the question: When did Christ preach to these individuals by the Holy Spirit? 18-20 (Classic Reprint) asWant to Read: Want to Read saving… Want to Read. Here many a Christian finds perplexity, rejecting what does not fall in with the analogy of faith, yet unwilling to doubt what seems intimated by the letter of the Excerpt from The Preaching to the Spirits in Prison: I Peter, III. 18-20. T may interest, and I trust also profit, the reader, if we not only examine this scripture but review the questions raised on it for ages. Here many a Christian finds perplexity, rejecting what does not fall in with the analogy of faith, yet unwilling to doubt what seems intimated by the letter of the word. He is ready to suspect himself of failure in spiritual... Did Jesus preach the gospel to those spirits in prison? Were these spirits men or demons? First Peter 3. Many Bible students and even theologians have the same problem with 1 Peter 3:18-20. His books are include: “Teaching Children The Gospel/How to Raise Godly Children,” “Do Babies Go To Heaven? Why Does God Allow Suffering?, “The Great Omission; Reaching the Lost for Christ,” and “Blind Chance or Intelligent Design?, Empirical Methodologies & the Bible.” Jack has written 1109 articles on What Christians Want To Know! He went and preached unto the spirits in prison. - -There are two main ways of interpreting this mysterious passage. (1) The spirits are understood as being now in prison, in consequence of having rejected His preaching to them while they were still on earth. According to this interpretation—which has the support of such names as Pearson, Hammond, Barrow, and Leighton (though he afterwards modified his opinion), among ourselves, besides divers great theologians of other countries, including St. Thomas Aquinas on the one hand and Beza on the other—it was “in spirit,” i.e., mystically speaking