



The Resurrection of Jesus

Luke 24:1-12

Nov. 3, 2024

Passion Week						
1 st month of Hebrew calendar (Exodus 12:2) (March/April)						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Month of Nisan						
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9 Jesus arrived in Bethany yesterday (Saturday), and Jesus and Lazarus in Bethany, which leaders (John 12:9-20).	10 Select the Passover lamb (Exodus 12:3) "On the tenth of this month they are to take each one to take a lamb for a home, for themselves..."	11 Jesus cures the blind man (John 9:1-41)	12 Wine and Bread (Mark 14:17-25)	13 Peter and John prepare for the Passover (Mark 14:18-20)	14 Betrayal and arrest of Jesus (Mark 14:41-52)	15 Jesus' body in the tomb Day 2.
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Rom 14:5-6

- 5 One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind.

6 He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord,

Col 2:16-17

- 16 Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day —

17 things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

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- Days of the week were known by their number and not by a name. Everything was connected to the Sabbath. "first day" after the Sabbath = first day or Sunday.

Luke 23:55-56

55 Now the women who had come with Him out of Galilee followed, and saw the tomb and how His body was laid.

56 Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes.

And on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

- Who were the women? Vs. 10 tells us.

10 Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles.

- This was the last Sabbath that would be observed. No more Sabbaths.

Acts 20:7

7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread,

1 Cor 16:2

2 On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.

Rev 1:10

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day.

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Matt 28:1-7, 11-15

- 1 Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave.
- 2 And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it.
- 3 And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.
- 4 The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.
- 5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified."
- 6 "He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.
- 7 "Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you."
- 11 Now while they were on their way, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened.
- 12 And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,
- 13 and said, "You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.'"
- 14 "And if this should come to the governor's ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble."
- 15 And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, and is to this day.

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- The body is gone. Where did it go?
- Note: Luke uses "Lord Jesus" indicating His lordship over death.
- The Church is built upon an empty grave.
- Let's look at theories that have been put forth for what happened to the body . . .

2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

- What did the women expect to find?
 1. A large stone blocking the entrance.
 2. Soldiers guarding the entrance?
- So what had happened? Let's look at Mathew 28 . . .

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5 theories:

1. **The wrong tomb theory.** The women were looking in the wrong tomb. However, Luke 23:55 tells us the women knew exactly which tomb Jesus was buried in.
2. **The wishful thinking theory.** The women and disciples came to believe that which they wished for. However, Luke 24:4 and 24:11, tell us they were surprised of the news of Jesus' resurrection.
3. **The animals-ate-the-body theory.** Animals ate the body. However, Luke 24:2 tells us a large stone covered the opening, preventing animals from devouring the body.
4. **The swoon theory.** Jesus was buried in the tomb while in a coma-like state, and later regained consciousness and rolled away the stone from the tomb. However, Luke 23 portrays Jesus in a weakened state and proclaimed dead.
5. **The grave robber theory.** Someone stole the body. However, Matthew 27:62-66 tells us of the Roman guard stationed in front of the stone.

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- They just can't figure it out.
- They had forgotten what Jesus had taught them about His resurrection.
- Always a problem for the believer – we forget God's Word.
- So here come the angels to remind them.
- Angels will not come to you today to remind you of God's Word but the Holy Spirit will.
- God is not in the business of blessing empty heads.
- You have to hide God's Word in your heart and keep reminding yourself of it.

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- The women knew that this was a sacred moment.
- The angel's message goes right to the heart of the issue.
- If the women would remember what Jesus said, they would not look here.
- You find the dead among the dead.

Luke 9:59-60

59 And He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father."

60 But He said to him, "Allow the dead to bury their own dead;

- In a spiritual sense, the same is true. You won't find Jesus in dead religion like dead organizations, dead churches, dead (unsaved) people, rituals, self-righteousness, traditions, robes and titles.

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- The angels clarify in simple terms what has happened – there has been a resurrection here.
- "Let's connect the dots".

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Matt 20:17-19

- 17 As Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them,
- 18 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death,
- 19 and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up."

Luke 9:22

- 22 "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day."

Luke 18:32-33

- 32 "For He will be handed over to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon,
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- Several times Jesus had told His followers that He would suffer and die and be raised from the dead.

Matt 16:21

- 21 From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.

Matt 17:22-23

- 22 And while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men;
- 23 and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day."

This is the gospel –

1 Cor 15:1-4;12-19

- 1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the **gospel** which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,
- 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.
- 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
- 4 and that He was buried, and that **He was raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures,
- 12 Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?
- 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain;
- 14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.
- 15 Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised.
- 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;
- 17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.
- 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.
- 19 If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

8 And they remembered His words,

- Now it comes back to them.
- The light went on.
- That is why God's Word is so critical in our lives . . .

“We don’t understand life apart from the Word of God. We don’t read the Word of God through the light of our life; we read our lives through the light of the Word of God. The Word interprets the events, the situations, the circumstances of our lives. We read God’s providence in our lives through the lens of Scripture. It is the Word of God that frames our understanding of everything that happens in life. And that’s vital in the Christian life and it’s so often a challenge, isn’t it?”

- Ligon Duncan

9 and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

- Where are the 11?
- It is the faithful women who are at the tomb, are given a message, and report it to the disciples.
- Women 1st saw the empty tomb; Women 1st saw the living Lord; Women 1st heard loving words; Women 1st told joyful news!
- Luke lifts high the place of women in ministry and faithfulness.
- The 11 are devastated. They have no hope. They are down. Discouraged. Disillusioned.

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- It should be the apostles telling these things to the women.
- “In the first century the testimony of women was not deemed authoritative. Luke’s inclusion of the incident serves to emphasize his high regard for women.”

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- To be fair, the 11 had not had the appearance and revelation from the angels.
- **“nonsense”** – delirious, out of your track, or out of your mind. “Are you women crazy?”

Luke 24:1-12

- 1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.
- 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
- 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
- 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing;
- 5 and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living One among the dead?”
- 6 “He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee,
- 7 saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.”
- 8 And they remembered His words,
- 9 and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.
- 10 Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles.
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- Peter had hit rock bottom with his denials but it is also Peter who is the first one to make a beeline to the tomb to check it out.
- What Peter saw had to be mind-boggling.
- Can you imagine what was going on in Peter’s mind as he went back to his home?
- We may slip and fall in our Christian walk but we can also recover quickly.

Up From the Grave He Arose

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Verse 1

Low in the grave He lay,
Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day,
Jesus my Lord!

Verse 2

Vainly they watch His bed,
Jesus my Savior,
Vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus my Lord!

Verse 3

Death cannot keep its Prey,
Jesus my Savior,
He tore the bars away,
Jesus my Lord!

Chorus

Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever.
With His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Application

1. Needless worry, depression, disappointment, and hopelessness, becomes our experience because we just don’t know the Word of God.
2. You, or anyone else, will never find life in that which is dead. If your “Christianity” is dry and lifeless, maybe you need to be born again.
3. The resurrection stands as the capstone of our faith.