

Resurrection Sunday

{The 1st Lord's Day – 30 A.D.}
{April 20, 2014 A.D.}

What is the significance of the Resurrection of Jesus and the empty tomb????

- ❖ As creatures standing morally accountable before a holy, just, sovereign and faithful God, sin, death and the wrath of God are, by far, our most significant problems.

Genesis 2:16-17 (NASB95)

¹⁶ The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; ¹⁷ but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

Romans 6:23 (NASB95)

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:6-14 (NASB95)

⁶ For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. . . . ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. . . . ¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned. . .

- ❖ God substantiated Jesus' claim to be the source of all life eternal through the Resurrection.

John 11:20-27 (NASB95)

²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said* to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world."

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (NASB95)

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, not even Christ has been raised; 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. ²⁰ But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.

- ❖ God states unequivocally an absolute truth in the exclusivity/singularity of salvation in Christ alone.

John 14:6 (NASB95)

⁶ Jesus said* to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

Acts 4:12 (NASB95)

¹² "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

- ❖ Salvation is the monergistic work of God in Christ alone, by Grace alone, through Faith alone, by Holy Scripture alone, to the Glory of God alone.

Ephesians 2:1-10 (NASB95)

¹ And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

[Matthew 28:1-10](#) (NASB95)

[Mark 16:1-13](#) (NASB95)

[Luke 24:1-12](#) (NASB95)

[John 20:1-18](#) (NASB95)

Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, Mary Magdalene, from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons, and Mary the *mother* of James, Salome, Joanna and also the other women with them bought spices, which they had prepared, so that they might come and anoint Him. And they came to look at the tomb, while it was still dark. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"

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. And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.

Looking up, they saw the stone *already* taken away from the tomb, although it was extremely large. Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; But when they entered the tomb, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. And as *the women* were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, *the men* said to them, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him. "Why do you seek the living One among the dead? They saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. The angel said to the women, "Do not be amazed and afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been crucified. "He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." And they remembered His words. Come, see the place where He was lying. But "Go quickly and tell His disciples and Peter, that He has risen from the

dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him, **just as He told you.**; behold, I have told you."

Mary turned around and saw Jesus standing *there*, and did not know that it was Jesus. And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher). **And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him.** Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; **Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; but go to My brethren and say to them, to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me." 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'** " And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples, **and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.**

They came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him," **and** Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and *that* He had said these things to her and **reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb;**

So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb. The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first; and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying *there*; but he did not go in. And so Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying *there*, and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. So the disciples went away again to their own homes **marveling at what had happened.**