

Resurrection Sunday

{The 1st Lord's Day – 30 A.D.}

{April 21, 2019 A.D.}

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

1. The Resurrection of Jesus was chief among all the signs God gave to an unbelieving world.
 2. **God substantiated Jesus' claim to be the source of all eternal life, through His bodily Resurrection.**
 3. The Resurrection of Jesus is preached as an essential part of the Gospel and Confession/Proclamation of the Early Church (30-100 A.D.).
 4. God validated the Person, Teaching and Ministry of Jesus, by His bodily resurrection.
 5. Resurrection to eternal life with God is the Hope of every Believer in Jesus Christ.
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THE CENTRALITY OF JESUS CHRIST FOR RESURRECTION TO ETERNAL LIFE

Genesis 2:16-17

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

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

Hebrews 9:27-28

²⁷ And inasmuch as **it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,** ²⁸ so **Christ** also, having been **offered once to bear the sins of many,** will appear a second time **for salvation without reference to sin,** to those who eagerly await Him.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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.

THE EXCLUSIVITY OF SALVATION; BY JESUS 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.**"

Acts 2:22-24

²² "Men of Israel, listen to these words: **Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst,** just as you yourselves know—²³ this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death. ²⁴ "But God raised Him up again, **putting an end to the agony of death,** **since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.**

John 1:1-14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and **the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** ² **He was in the beginning with God.** ³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. . . . ¹⁴ And **the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us,** and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all things have been created through Him and for Him.** ¹⁷ **He is before all things,** and **in Him all things hold together.** ¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, **having made peace through the blood of His cross;** through Him, *I say,* whether things on earth or things in heaven.

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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.