

Resurrection Sunday

{Sunday, The 1st Lord's Day – 30 A.D.}

{Sunday, April 12, 2020 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.

THE CENTRALITY OF JESUS CHRIST FOR RESURRECTION TO ETERNAL LIFE

John 11:20-27

²⁰ Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed at the house. ²¹ Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² "Even now **I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.**" ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

²⁵ 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 15:1-57

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**,

⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; ⁷ then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; ⁸ and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. . . .

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. . . .** ²⁹ Otherwise, **what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them?**

⁵⁵ "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"

⁵⁶ **The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;**

⁵⁷ but thanks be to **God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE EXCLUSIVITY OF SALVATION; BY JESUS CHRIST ALONE

John 14:6

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

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."

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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.