

EASTER SUNDAY

RESURRECTION SUNDAY IS TRULY THE GREATEST DAY OF THE YEAR FOR THE CHRISTIAN BELIEVER. THE BIRTH, MIRACLES, AND MINISTRY OF CHRIST WOULDN'T MEAN MUCH IF JESUS HADN'T ROSE FROM THE DEAD. BECAUSE OF THE DIVINELY PERFECT LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST, DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM DOWN!! THIS INCREDIBLY BEAUTIFUL TRUTH MEANS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS EXACTLY WHO HE SAYS HE IS, THE ONE AND ONLY SON OF GOD. RESURRECTION IS SO IMPORTANT IN THE PLAN OF GOD FOR HIS PEOPLE THAT IT IS MENTIONED 104 TIMES IN THE NT ALONE. DOCUMENTED IN THE GOSPELS AND THE BOOK OF ACTS THEN EXPLAINED IN THE EPISTLES, THE HISTORICAL FACT THAT THE TOMB IS EMPTY AND CHRIST LIVES IS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. JESUS CHRIST'S SACRIFICIAL DEATH ON THE CROSS WOULD MEAN NOTHING IF HE WAS STILL DEAD. WE WOULD BE FOOLS HERE TODAY, WORSHIPPING A DEAD MAN. WE WOULD ALL STILL BE DEAD IN OUR SIN AND SPEND ETERNITY IN HELL HAD JESUS NOT ROSE FROM THE DEAD. I THANK THE LORD TODAY FOR THE EVIDENCE HE HAS GIVEN HIS PEOPLE TO HAVE FAITH IN. YOU SEE, FAITH ISN'T BELIEVING IN SOMETHING SPECULATED OR MADE

UP. FAITH IS BELIEVING THE EVIDENCE THAT IS LAYED BEFORE YOU.

2 Corinthians 4:18 NIV

¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

THE LORD'S SOVERIEGN WILL HAS PRESERVED THE TRUTH OF HIS PLAN OF SALVATION THROUGHOUT TIME. ALONG WITH THE HOLY SCRIPTURES (HISTORICAL EVIDENCE) JESUS MADE GOOD ON HIS PROMISE. HIS FATHER AND OURS HAS SENT AND SEALED US WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADING US TO ALL TRUTH. HALLELUJAH!!! THE KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF LORDS HAS RISEN INDEED!!! TODAY WE WILL LOOK AT THE HISTORICAL DOCUMENTATION OF ALL FOUR GOSPELS. WE WILL SEE THAT EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE DETAILS THAT ARE DIFFERENT; THE EMPTY TOMB, ANGELIC REVELATION, THE WITNESSES, AND THE RISEN CHRIST ARE ALL DOCUMENTED SYNONYMOUSLY.

Matthew 28:1 NIV

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

Mark 16:1 NIV

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

Luke 24:1 NIV

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

THE SABBATH ENDED SATURDAY NIGHT WHEN THE SUN WENT DOWN, SUNDAY IS FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

VS. 10 LISTS THE WOMAN: TWO MARY'S, JOANNA, AND OTHERS

JOHN ONLY MENTIONS MARY MAGDELENE

THESE WOMEN ARE DEVISTATED, THEY WANT TO HONOR JESUS BY ANOINTING HIM WITH SPICES, THEY WERE THE ONES WHO LINGERED AT THE CROSS

Matthew 28:2-4 NIV

²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

THE EARTH SHOOK WHEN JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS

THE EARTH SHOOK THE DAY HE ROSE. THE EARTH WILL SHAKE WHEN HE RETURNS

THESE SAME GUARDS WILL BE BRIBED BY THE SANHEDRIN TO LIE ABOUT THE RESURRECTION

Luke 24:2-8 NIV

²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” ⁸Then they remembered his words.

THEY WERE EXPECTING A DEAD BODY, NOT A
RESURRECTED CHRIST

THE ANGEL ROLLED AWAY THE STONE TO LET PEOPLE IN
JESUS HAD ALREADY RESURRECTED

MARK'S GOSPEL IS SIMILAR TO THIS ONE, MATTHEW AND
JOHN'S GOSPELS ALSO DOCUMENT THE ANGELIC
PROCLAMATION OF THE RESURRECTION

THE DIFFERENT NUANCES ENHANCE EACH OTHER
PROVING THAT EACH ONE IS AN AUTHENTIC ACCOUNT

Luke 24:9-12 NIV

⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

NOT ONE OF THEM UNDERSTOOD THE RESURRECTION

John 20:3-9 NIV

³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

ALL BURIAL LINENS ARE LAYING PERFECTLY

JOHN EMPHASIZES HIS ABILITY TO RUN FASTER THAN PETER AND THAT HE BELIEVED FIRST EVEN THOUGH HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND

John 20:11-18 NIV

¹¹Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹²and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴At this, she turned around and

saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

MARY LOVED JESUS, SHE DID NOT WANT HIS BODY TO BE DESECRATED IN ANY WAY

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

JESUS CALLS HER BY NAME, SHE KNOWS THE SHEPHERDS VOICE

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

¹⁷ Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

JESUS RETURNED HER FOCUS BACK ON MISSION “GO AND TESTIFY OF MY RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION”

NONE OF THE ELEVEN BELIEVED HER INITIALLY

Luke 24:13-16 NIV

¹³Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him.

JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF LATER TO THEM AFTER BREAKING BREAD AND GIVING THANKS

NO ONE BELIEVED IN THE RESURRECTION, THEY HAD TO SEE HIM. CHRIST DID THIS FOR SOLID TESTIMONY FROM EYEWITNESSES.... TWO OR MORE WITNESSES VERIFY TRUTH

THEN JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF TO HIS DISCIPLES

John 20:19-20 NIV

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF AGAIN AND AGAIN TO HIS DISCIPLES AND HE GIVES THEM AND US DIRECTION BEFORE HIS ASCENSION

Luke 24:44-49 NIV

⁴⁴He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Acts 1:7-11 NIV

⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

THIS IS THE GREAT COMMISSION FOR EVERY BELIEVER

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN TO GATHER HIS PEOPLE AND
JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

ARE YOU READY?

THE RESURRECTION MEANS:

1. THE SCRIPTURES ARE TRUE
2. JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD
3. SALVATION IS COMPLETE AND OUR RESURRECTION IS SURE

4. JESUS IS OUR HIGH PRIEST AND HIS CHURCH IS ESTABLISHED
5. JUDGEMENT IS COMING BECAUSE THE JUDGE IS ALIVE
6. HEAVEN IS WAITING WITH OUR FULL INHERITANCE
7. WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE POWER TO LIVE A CHRIST-LIKE LIFE NOW