

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

“An Invitation to a Personal Encounter”

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John 20:1-16

Now the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw *that* the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² Then she ran and 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.” ³ Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. ⁴ So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. ⁵ And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying *there*; yet he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying *there*, ⁷ and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. ⁹ For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went away again to their own homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down *and looked* into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. ¹³ Then they said to her, “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.” ¹⁴ Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing *there*, and did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

1 Corinthians 15:1-7

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that *Christ died for our sins* according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that *He was buried, and that He rose again the third day* according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that *He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve*. ⁶ *After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once*, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷ After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸ Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

1. Christ Died For Our Sins

- He was the **NECESSARY** sacrifice [Hebrews 9:22](#)
- He was the **PERFECT** sacrifice [2 Corinthians 5:21](#)
- He was a **WILLING** sacrifice [John 10:15](#)

- He was the **ONLY** sacrifice
- He was the **FINAL** sacrifice

Revelation 15:4

Hebrews 9:12

HISTORIC RECORD

Luke 23:33

Galatians 1:4

1 Peter 3:18

1 John 1:9

1 John 2:2

1 John 4:10

John 1:29

2. He Was Buried and Rose Again the Third Day

- **IT WAS PREDICTED!**

Mark 10:33,34

- **IT WAS OBSERVED!**

Mark 15:45-47

- **IT WAS PROCLAIMED!**

Acts 10:39-41

“The Resurrection is the supreme vindication of Jesus' divine identity and his inspired teaching. It's the proof of his triumph over sin and death. It's the foreshadowing of the resurrection of his followers. It's the basis of Christian hope. It's the miracle of all miracles.” — Lee Strobel

3. He Was Encountered By:

- Cephas (Peter)
- The 12
- The 500
- James
- All the apostles
- Paul
- Mary

“But by the Grace of God I am what I am”