

EASTER SUNDAY

“The Risen, Ever Present Lord of All”

(Matthew 28:1-20)

Authority over All Things

Jesus is indeed the Lord of the universe and beyond! The resurrection makes this so. He has ALL AUTHORITY.

Two Crucial Events

❖ Jesus Has Been Crucified

"The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified.'" (Matthew 28:5-6a)

We need to know about this event so that His resurrection is seen to be what it really is! Here are five things:

- The Crucifixion of Jesus was Public
- The Crucifixion of Jesus was Painful
 - A Wicked Death
 - A Willing Death

- The Crucifixion of Jesus was Planned

- Destiny

"Jesus said to them, 'The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men; and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day.'" (Matthew 17:22-23a)

In Acts 4:27-28, the disciples prayed to God like this:

"Truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur."

- Design

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son . . ." (John 3:16)

"[God did] not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all" (Romans 8:32)

- The Crucifixion of Jesus was Punishment

"He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:5-6)

- The Crucifixion of Jesus is Precious

Peter wrote,

"You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18-19)

And again in 1 Peter 2:7,

"To you therefore who believe, He is precious."

❖ Jesus has Risen

"He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying."
(Matthew 28:6)

- The Resurrection of Jesus was Powerful

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." (Matthew 28:18b)

"[He has] been exalted to the right hand of God" (Acts 2:33);

"I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God" (Acts 7:56)

"Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Colossians 3:1)

"[Christ] endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (12:2).

"Because He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet" (1 Corinthians 15:25)

- The Resurrection of Jesus was Personal

"Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20b)