

## Resurrection SONday

*Today we celebrate the day that altered human history - the day we point to an empty tomb as evidence that the bold claims of Jesus are true, and He is worthy as the Lord of our lives.*

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For followers of Jesus, every day is **Resurrection SONday!** But it sure wasn't like that during this weekend around 2000 years ago...as the disciples of Jesus were distraught & afraid, hiding behind locked doors in Jerusalem, after the one they hoped would be their Messiah had been brutally beaten, crucified, & buried in a tomb just outside the walls of the city they were staying in.

#### Who They Thought He Was...Sort Of

**Matthew 16:16, 20-23** Simon Peter answered, "You are **the Messiah**, the **Son of** the living **God**."

Then he gave the disciples orders to tell no one that he was the Messiah. From then on Jesus began to point out to his disciples that it was necessary for him to **go to Jerusalem and suffer** many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, **be killed**, and **be raised the third day**.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, "Oh no, Lord! This will never happen to you!" Jesus turned and told Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me because you're not thinking about God's concerns but human concerns."

Peter had a tradition that was different from *the TRUTH*. Despite the many Scriptural prophecies pointing to the Messiah's suffering for & paying for the sin of others, Peter had been told and had believed that the Messiah would never die.

#### False Traditions Versus Scripture Truth

**John 12:32-34** As for me, if **I am lifted up** from the earth I will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate what kind of death he was about to die. Then the crowd replied to him, "We have heard from the law that **the Messiah will remain forever**. So how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?'"

#### Warning of His Death

**Mark 9:30-32** Then they left that place and made their way through Galilee, but he did not want anyone to know it. For he was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will **kill him**, and after he is killed, **he will rise three days later**." But they did not understand this statement, and they were afraid to ask him.

**Mark 10:32-34** They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem...Taking the Twelve aside again, he began to tell them the things that would happen to him. "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. **The Son of Man will be** handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will **condemn him to death**. Then they will hand him over to the Gentiles, and they will **mock him, spit on him, flog him, and kill him**, and **he will rise after three days**."

**Matthew 26:1-2** When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he told his disciples, "You know that the Passover takes place after two days, and **the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified**."

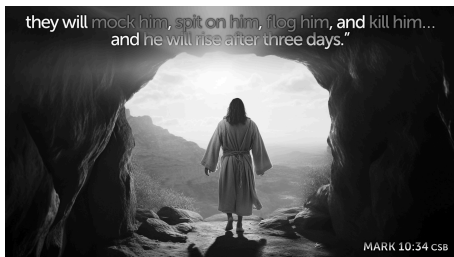
On the night the Jesus would be arrested, He celebrated Passover with His disciples, and pointed to *HIMSELF* as the fulfillment of this festival, where *BREAD* represented *His broken body* & *WINE* represented *His blood spilled out for them*.

**John 16:16, 20-22** In a little while, you will no longer see me; again in a little while, **you will see me**. Truly I tell you, **you will weep and mourn**, but the world will rejoice. You will become sorrowful, but **your sorrow will turn to joy**. When a woman is in labor, she has pain because her time has come. But when she has given birth to a child, she no longer remembers the suffering because of the joy that a person has been born into the world. So you also have sorrow now. But I will see you again. Your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy from you.

Jesus was arrested in Gethsemane, tried & convicted of blasphemy, beaten by His own people. Just as Jesus predicted, He was handed over by the Jews, to the Gentiles. The **Romans brutalized Him**, beating him over the head with a stick, mocking him, spitting on Him, beating Him with their fists, & scourging Him with whips that contained lead balls & sharp bones that would bruise & rip open the skin.



The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death. Then they will hand him over to the Gentiles, and they will mock him, spit on him, flog him, and kill him...



*If that was the end of the story*, then we likely would have never heard the rest of the story we've been talking about today. Jesus would have been another Jewish man crucified by the Romans, another Jewish man who had falsely claimed to be the Jewish Messiah. But, there's that little part attached to the rest of what Jesus said, that goes like this...**"and he will rise after three days."**

That's what happened on **Resurrection SOnDay!** ...a crazy claim unless... IT'S TRUE!



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The resurrection of Jesus changed the direction of the disciples' lives. The disciples of Jesus went from *distraught & afraid* - locked behind closed doors, to **joyful & empowered** - just as Jesus had told them during the Passover feast (Jn 16:22).

### **Arrested & Tried for Healing a Lame Man in a Name of a Formerly Dead Man (Read starting Acts 3)**

**Acts 4:5-12** The next day, their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem with **Annas the high priest, Caiaphas**, John, Alexander, and all the members of the high-priestly family. After they had Peter and John stand before them, they began to question them: **"By what power or in what name have you done this?"**

Then Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a disabled man, by what means he was healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that **by the name of Jesus Christ** of Nazareth, whom you crucified and **whom God raised from the dead**—by him this man is standing here before you healthy. This **Jesus is the Stone rejected by you builders, which has become the Cornerstone**. There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved."

For Christianity to be squashed, all they had to do was produce the body of Jesus & parade it around the streets, but they couldn't because of...**Resurrection SOnDay**. Jesus was ALIVE - RISEN from the dead!

***If He rose from the dead, we can TRUST what He said.***



- ▶ **READ what Jesus says.** Get your nose into the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) and read what Jesus said for yourself!
- ▶ **DO what Jesus says.** If Jesus is Lord of your life, then you TRUST what He says - which means you OBEY what He says, because you TRUST Him!
- ▶ **Tell Somebody!** Brag on Jesus. Share how he is forgiving you and making a difference in your life. Share how they can know Jesus as well.

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Have questions and need some help? ...real soon...how about now? Please **call** or **text** us soon!

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