

Resurrection Sunday

2026

Luke 24

1 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. **2** They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3** but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. **4** While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. **5** In 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? **6** He 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.’ ” **8** Then they remembered his words.

9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. **10** It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. **11** But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. **12** Peter, 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.

Vs. 11,12

11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. **12** Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb...

- In all the Gospel accounts of the Resurrection; the day Jesus rose from the grave was such a radical experience, the disciples were more shocked than excited...

*With that in mind we have to remember.
Between the day Jesus was Crucified on Friday and the day he rose on
Sunday there was a Saturday.
The day when everything felt silent, and it seemed like hope was gone.
The day when the people who loved Jesus were left grieving, waiting,
and wondering if any of His promises were true.
On Saturday they felt that all hope was gone.
They had forgotten that God was still working.
While the disciples were weeping,
and the world thought death had won,
God was prepared for something.
And on the third day, Jesus rose to life.*

- This one event (The Resurrection of Jesus) changed everything.
- On that day Victory was found, Hope was rediscovered and Salvation was established among believers.
- The Resurrection is the finished work of God providing Salvation through Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus.
- Dr. Frank Turek says. “Christianity is not the result of a religious book or writing. Christianity is the result of an event, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- The Resurrection was a “Impact Event” it becomes the watermark of the early church and is the very message that cost nearly all the Apostles and many of the early church father’s their life.

Vs. 33-49

33 They (Two Disciples on the Road to Emmaus) got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with

them, assembled together **34** and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” **35** Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. **38** He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? **39** Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. **41** And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” **42** They gave him a piece of broiled fish, **43** and he took it and ate it in their presence.

44 He 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.”

45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. **46** He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, **47** and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things. **49** I 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.”

Vs. 44

He 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.”

- Notice what Jesus says: “Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”
- If Jesus in his first coming, fulfilled every law, prophecy and psalm spoken of him in the Old Covenant.
- How Much More will Jesus by the will of the Father fulfill every word spoken of him in the New Covenant.

What new Prophecies do we have about Jesus in the New Covenant

John 14

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. **2** In My Father’s house are many [a]mansions; if *it were* not so, [b]I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

Acts 1 - Jesus’ Ascension

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

10 They 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.”

1 Thessalonians 4

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. **16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who

are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

- We hear these words often times like the Disciples heard Jesus' words about the cross and resurrection. They heard Jesus but when it happened they were in disbelief.
- I expect we will be no better than the Disciples; We have heard these words and when it happens some will be in disbelief.

6 Proofs for Christ and His Resurrection

1. Jesus foretold his own Death and Resurrection

- Babe Ruth was famously known for calling his shot in the 1932 World Series.
- But nobody called their shot better than Jesus.
- Jesus multiple times over foretold of his own death, burial and resurrection and that is exactly what happened.

2. Jesus demonstrates He had power over Death before the Cross

Mark 5 - Jesus raised Jairus's daughter from the dead

Luke 7 - Jesus raised the son of the Widow of Nain from the dead

John 11 - Jesus raise Lazarus from the Dead

3. Jews believed on Christ

- Without the Resurrection there is no intellectual reason for the Jews to invent the story of Jesus, unless it really happened.
- The Jewish people were looking for the Messiah. But not the narrative that the Messiah would suffer and die, and then be raised to life. The Jews were looking for a Messiah to triumph over their enemies and rescue them from Roman authority.
- All of Jesus' Disciples were Jews except for Luke and they all suffered and most died for preaching the message of Jesus' Resurrection.

“A Man may suffer and die for a lie that he believes is the truth, but no man will suffer and die for a lie that he knows is a lie.” (Turek)

This is why Paul said in:

1 Corinthian 1 NKJV

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

4. The Resurrection is the only explanation for the conversion of hostile witnesses to Jesus

- Jesus appears to those who loved him, Jesus appeared to wayward people (Peter) He appeared to those who were indifferent to him (James - Jesus' half brother) and Jesus appeared to those hated him (Saul of Tarsus).

- **Acts 6:7** Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

5 . Based on the evidence; Jesus Resurrection is the only way we make sense of the sufferings in our lives.

Romans 8 NKJV

17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Romans 6:4

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

6. Everywhere the Gospel goes it brings freedom

Question: How do you know that what Jesus did on the Cross actually pay for sin?

Another way to ask the question: If someone was a prisoner; how would you know they've been freed from prison?

Answer: If you see them out of prison you know they are free.

If you see someone who has was bound to sin and now they are no longer bound to sin, but free. They are forgiven; Death and destruction no longer has a grip on them.

Their freedom is proof the Gospel brings freedom everywhere it goes.

Romans 10

8 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): **9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. **11** For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” **12** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. **13** For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

We don't worship a Myth

We don't worship an Idol or Religious Icon

We don't put our hope in Rituals or Cantations

We don't put our hope in Religious Institutions

We put our hope in the one who went to the Cross and Rose Again!

We Call on the Name that is above every name; the name of Jesus Christ.

Closing:

There are 3 types of People here today:

- 1. There are people here who Believe in Jesus and follow him**
- 2. There are people here who Believe in Jesus but do not follow him devoutly**
- 3. There are people here today that don't claim to Believe. My prayer is that today you would put your faith in Jesus.**

Vs. 46,47

46 He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, **47** and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

I believe: Repentance is not so much what we turn from, but more importantly who we turn to...

Today this is what Easter is all about:

Jesus the Lamb of God went to the Cross and died a brutal death for you and I.

- He died a substitutionary death, meaning he died in our place.
- He took the punishment our sins deserved.
- Now through his substitutionary death we can experience the forgiveness, freedom and sonship that comes from God.

Will You Trust Him today and Make Jesus your Lord?