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Resurrection Sunday 4-5-26

John 20:1–16 (NLT) *The Resurrection*

1. [We Can Know God](#)

- **Romans 1:19–20 (NLT)** ¹⁹ They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. ²⁰ For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. **So they have no excuse for not knowing God.**

John 14:6 (NLT) ⁶ Jesus told him, “**I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.**”

2. **[The Way – We Know He Is The Way!](#)** It’s Jesus, He paid for the way to heaven at the cross for those that make Him Lord!

3. **[The Truth – We Can Be Certain He Is The Truth!](#)** Prophecy, miracles, power, teaching, resurrection, and transformation of people then, since and now show us He is Messiah!

4. [We Will Face Judgement of Our Life](#)

- **John 12:48 (NLT)** ⁴⁸ **But all who reject me and my message will be judged on the day of judgment by the truth I have spoken.**

- **Romans 3:23 (NLT)** ²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.
- **Romans 6:23 (NLT)** ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

5. True Belief & Surrender To Jesus Is Evidenced By Obedience

- **Luke 9:23–25 (NLT)** ²³ Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. ²⁴ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. ²⁵ **And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?**
- **John 3:3 (NLT)** ³ Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are **born again**, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

6. Jesus is Life – Abundant Life In This Life! And Eternal Life!

- **John 10:10 (NLT)** ¹⁰ The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.
- **John 3:16 (NLT)** ¹⁶ “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

Obedience Indicates Our Heart Condition

1 John 2:3–6 (NLT) ³ And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. ⁴ If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. ⁵ But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. ⁶ Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

Matthew 7:21–23 (NLT) True Disciples ²¹ “Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. ²² On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ ²³ But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’

Commentary: People who believe in Jesus, call Him Lord, and do powerful things in his name, but actually have not surrendered to Him and break His commandments are not saved, “not known by Him.”

Matthew 25:31–46 (NLT) The Final Judgment ³¹ “But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. ³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me

clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’³⁷ “Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink?’³⁸ Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing?’³⁹ When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’⁴⁰ “And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’⁴¹ “Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.’⁴² For I was hungry, and you didn’t feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn’t give me a drink.⁴³ I was a stranger, and you didn’t invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn’t give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’⁴⁴ “Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?’⁴⁵ “And he will answer, ‘I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.’⁴⁶ “And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.”

Commentary: The main point we would like to emphasize is that the true saved believers were obedient to the will of Christ. Obedience did not save them, but the true saved believers are obedient. On the other hand, the ones who did not do what Jesus wanted, were not really believers or followers of Jesus.

7. Take Action

- Surrender To Jesus and Be Born Again!

"Dear God, I know I'm a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He died for my sin and that you raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord, from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen."

- Repent – (turn from sin and go the other direction)
- Make Sure You Are Wholeheartedly Committed
- Get The Next Step Book
- Get The More Than A Carpenter Book, or Study “Apologetics”
- Get a Bible & Begin Reading John or the New Testament
- Pray With Someone Today or Commit to Reinstating Prayer In Your Life
- Build Your Faith - Have Faith

Luke 24:25–27 (NLT) Road to Emmaus

²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures.²⁶ Wasn’t it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?”²⁷ Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

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Disciples – Shut Up or Die!

- **Peter:** Crucified upside down in Rome because he felt unworthy to die like Jesus.
- **James (Son of Zebedee):** Beheaded with a sword by King Herod Agrippa I in Jerusalem.
- **John:** Survived being thrown into boiling oil, later died of old age in exile on Patmos
- **Andrew:** Crucified on an X-shaped cross (St. Andrew's Cross) in Greece.
- **Thomas:** Martyred in India, likely speared to death.
- **Philip:** Crucified in Hierapolis, possibly upside down.
- **Bartholomew (Nathanael):** Flayed alive (skinned) and beheaded in Armenia.
- **Matthew:** Stabbed or killed with a sword/halberd in Ethiopia.
- **James (Son of Alphaeus):** Thrown from the Temple pinnacle, then beaten to death.
- **Simon the Zealot:** Martyred by being sawn in half, according to some traditions.
- **Jude (Thaddeus):** Killed with arrows or a club/axe in Persia.
- **Matthias (Replaced Judas):** Stoned and then beheaded.
- **Judas Iscariot:** Died by suicide by hanging after betraying Jesus.

John 20:24–31 (NLT) *Jesus Appears to Thomas* ²⁸ “My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed.

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”