

Resurrection Sunday 2026

Jesus

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It is Three Days after Jesus death. The Sabbath is over
It is Early Sunday morning at the Tomb of Jesus

- An angel descends from heaven/Rolls away the grave stone/He sits on it
 1. His appearance is like "lightning"
 2. Soldiers guarding are terrified/become "like dead men"
 3. Still dark/New Day Dawning/Several women proceed to the gravesite
 4. Word of God Focuses on 3:
 - Mary Magdalene: Whom Jesus previously cast out 7 demons
 - Salome
 - Mary Mother of James
 5. Women come closer w/spices concerned "Who will roll away the stone?"
 6. Ground begins to quake violently under their feet as they approach the tomb
- The angel still sitting on the stone. His face still brilliant as lightning
- He speaks to the ladies...Don't be afraid...I know who you are looking for

He is not here...He has risen
Go quickly. Tell the disciples He's on His way to Galilee

- Mary Magdalene hesitates outside the tomb crying...
 1. Stoops down to look inside
 2. Sees 2 angels looking like young men sitting on the empty slab
 3. One at the head/One at the foot of where Jesus had been
 4. 2 other ladies bow down to see the angels clothed in dazzling white robes
 5. Both angels from inside the tomb ask Mary...

"Why are you crying?"

"Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He's not here!"

"Don't you remember? He said He must suffer, die and rise again?"

"Now go...tell His disciples"

- Mary Magdalene looks over her shoulder/Sees someone standing behind her
- Not recognizing who it is... a voice different than the angels says to her...
 1. "Why are you crying?" and "Who are you looking for?"
 2. Believing it is the gardener Mary replies...

Sir, if you have taken Him tell me where you've put him
I will go get Him!

Jesus speaks: Mary...She responds: Teacher!
Mary Magdalene is first to recognize the risen Lord

- 3 ladies all fall down in worship grasping His feet!
 1. Filled w/both Fear and Great Joy!
 2. Too frightened to talk/They do as He had asked and find the disciples
- Mary reports to Peter and his companions who are weeping
 1. "I have seen the Lord"
 2. They don't believe her as "Sounded like nonsense"
- Even so, Peter and John run to the tomb
 1. John [the apostle whom Jesus loved as per John] gets there first then Peter
 2. They see empty tomb and linen wrappings but still are not sure
 3. Jesus then appeared 19X to them/others over 40 days
- Focus on Two Questions/One Statement from the Narrative
 1. **Why are you Crying** [Asked 2x: Angels/Jesus]
 2. **Why do you seek the Living among the Dead?**
 3. **Jesus is Life.**

I. Why are You Crying?

Q.1 Why is the World Crying?

Why such a universal Feeling of Hopelessness/Despair?

Ephesians 2:1-3

- We are born dead in trespasses/sins, thus...
- We are motivated by the World/Satan/Flesh. Slaves.

Romans 7:14 [Led by the flesh] **...sold into bondage to sin.** 15 For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

Born Slaves to Deceptive/Self-Destructive Behavior

- Hostility/Ingratitude/Selfishness/Dishonesty
- Bitterness/Unforgiveness/Mockery/Gossip
- Godlessness: Living as if God does not exist
- Knowing the truth but suppressing the Truth
- Darkness/Satanism/Occult/Greed/Laziness
- Addictions: Sex/Drugs/Alcohol/Pornography knowing in our heart that...

Galatians 5:21b ...those who practice such things **will not inherit the kingdom of God**

- Why are you crying? I feel hopeless. I am hopeless. I seek hope...
- **Q.2...**

II. Why do You Seek the Living among the Dead?

- Why am I not happy? Why am I not fulfilled? Where do I find purpose?

Q. 2 Why are you looking for life among the dead?
Pursuing that which is doomed to fail?

Matthew 15:14b ...if the blind leads the blind, **both will fall into a ditch.**

Hopeless. We desperately seek Life Advice
Sinners seeking advice from sinners?

- Therapists/Phycologists
- Self-Help books/Videos
- Entertainment Personalities: Greta Thunberg?
- Life Coaches...we see the result of their lives crumbling. Jordan P
- 12 Step/Religion
- Doctors prescribing endless supplies of happy pills

You cant go up without coming down

- Two Questions
 1. Why are you crying? I'm Hopeless
 2. Why are you seeking life among the dead? That's all I know. Options?

Why not seek life from the Giver of Life/Prince of Life

III. Jesus is Life

Luke 24:13-27 [Later Sunday]

- Two men traveling to Emmaus 7 Miles from Jerusalem
- Talking/Trying to figure out what happened this last week
- Jesus comes behind them/Don't recognize Him

What are you guys talking about/Why are you so sad?/Why are you crying?

- Don't You know what happened? Jesus: What happened?
- Jesus of Nazareth/Prophet mighty in deed/Word
- Hope is gone. He was going to save us but they crucified Him
- It's been three days. Woman went to His tomb/His body is gone. Angels said He lives
- Jesus: Why do you not believe the Scripture. He had to suffer/die/rise again to save

Beginning with Moses/All the Prophets
Jesus expounded all the Scriptures to them concerning Himself

How can we be sure Jesus is who He says He is...The Giver of Life?
Jesus fulfilled *over 300* Propesies over 4000 yrs at His first Coming alone

1. Born of a woman
2. Born in Bethlehem

3. Born of a virgin
4. From the line of Abraham/Isaac/Jacob
5. From the tribe of Judah
6. Heir to King David's throne
7. Be called Immanuel
8. A season in Egypt
9. A massacre of children at His birthplace
10. Messenger would prepare the way for Him
11. Silent before his accusers
12. Spat upon and struck
13. Hated without cause
14. Crucified with criminals
15. Given vinegar to drink
16. Hands and feet would be pierced
17. Mocked and ridiculed
18. Soldiers gamble for His garments
19. Bones would not be broken
20. Forsaken by God
21. Soldiers would pierce Messiah's side
22. Buried with the rich
23. Resurrect from the dead
24. Sacrificed for our sin and over 275 more fulfilled prophesies in OT. Chances of 8? 1 in 100 quadrillion. 1 in 1w17 zeros

He said it. He fulfilled it. We can trust Jesus

We will never find life among the dead...
We will find Life in the Giver of Life...Prince of Life Jesus Christ

John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

No Religion can give Life ...Only Jesus can

John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already [children of wrath], because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. [A choice must be made] 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

Tired of living a lie in a world full of deceit?
Come to the Truth/Light. Puke your sin out on the table/Come clean

John 6:47b ... he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

Religion cannot save us from our sins...Only Jesus can
IOWs We are not saved by an organization. We are saved by a Person

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may **have it more abundantly.**

The Way to life is Narrow: Jesus plus nothing...

Matthew 7:13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. [So many substitutes] 15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

Matthew 10:39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

The Good News of Grace is the Free Gift of God
Seek Life from the Giver of Life who Overcame Death for Us

1 Corinthians 15:3b ...**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,

Salvation by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone
All we bring to the table is our sin and in turn receive His righteousness

Romans 6:23... the wages of sin is death, **but the gift of God eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

The Only True Gospel is a Free Gift
It cannot be earned

- Penalty for sin is death/Eternal separation
- Jesus died in our place/ Offers Salvation as a gift
- The gift cannot be earned/ Must be accepted in humility

Acts 16:30 "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 So they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and you will be saved...

Romans 10:9... 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.** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation

- I'm too bad to be saved!

Romans 10:13..."**whoever** calls on the name of the **LORD shall be saved.**"

Romans 5:8... God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that **while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

John 11:25 "**I am the resurrection and the life.** He who believes in Me, though he may die, **he shall live.** 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me **shall never die.**

The doctrine of the resurrection is full of joy for the morning. It clothes the grave with flowers and wreathes the tomb with unfading greens. The empty tomb shines with a light brighter than the sun, and death grows pale, as we say, in full assurance of faith, 'I know that my brother shall rise again.' [Spurgeon]

When we Trust in Jesus/His Sacrifice in Our Place/Risen from the Dead
We are Born Again. A New Life. A New Relationship w/God through Jesus

We don't have the natural ability to stop deceptive self-destructive behavior
But God...sends supernatural help to those who trust Him. His Holy Spirit

Romans 8:11 ...if the **Spirit of Him** who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also **give life** to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Jesus died to give us Real Life.
Victorious Abundant Life Now/Eternal Life Forever

Life: gr **zō-ā'**: Life real and genuine, a life active and vigorous, devoted to God, a blessed life even in this fallen world for those who put their trust in Christ...

- Victory over everyday trials
- Peace in the midst of mass chaos
- Assurance in doubt
- Freed from bondage to sin
- Freed from penalty of Sin

Free from the Fear of Death by the Power of His Spirit...

Romans 8:14 ...as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of **bondage again to fear**, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

Hebrews 2:14b ...through death Jesus destroyed him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and released those who **through fear of death** were all their **lifetime subject to bondage**.

- Death bed assurance because our trust is not in self but Jesus
- Receive Peace **w/God:** No longer enemies of God

Romans 5:1 ...having been justified by faith, **we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ

- Enjoying the **Peace of God: No longer without Hope**
- Now and forever in our Eternal Home with Jesus and the Father

John 14:2 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**.

John 14:23 If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and **We will come to him and make Our home with him**.

From Hopelessly Enslaved to sin to Joyfully Free in Jesus!

John 8:36 ...if the Son makes you free, you will be **free indeed**.

From Darkness to Light. Death to Life
Living as the People God Created us to Be...Bearing the Fruit of His Spirit

Galatians 5:22 ...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control.

Able to hear the voice of God...Voice of Hope...Voice of Life

John 20:16 Jesus said to her, **"Mary!"** She turned and said to Him, **"Teacher!"** .

John 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And **I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish**; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

Did you hear His voice this morning?
He is Risen!