

Easter 2019
Secret Meanings of the Resurrection

Our Mission: To take as many people to Heaven as we can, before we die. Period.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit... **1 Peter 3:18 ESV**

1. Darkness covered the earth, which represents the judgment of God coming upon His Son.

At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"... **Matthew 27:45 NLT**

What sorrow awaits you who say, "If only the day of the Lord were here!" You have no idea what you are wishing for. That day will bring darkness, not light. **Amos 5:18 NLT**

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Lift your hand toward heaven, and the land of Egypt will be covered with a darkness so thick you can feel it." So Moses lifted his hand to the sky, and a deep darkness covered the entire land of Egypt for three days. During all that time the people could not see each other, and no one moved. **Exodus 10:21-23 NLT**

All the firstborn sons will die in every family in Egypt, from the oldest son of Pharaoh...to the oldest son of his lowliest servant... **Exodus 11:5a NLT**

2. The curtain was torn by God, so we have access to God through Christ!

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. **Matthew 27:51a ESV**

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. **Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT**

3. The earth shook because the law was fulfilled!

And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. **Matthew 27:51b ESV**

When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake...they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Matthew 27:54 ESV

All of Mount Sinai was covered with smoke because the Lord had descended on it in the form of fire...and the whole mountain shook violently. **Exodus 19:18 NLT**

4. Dead saints of old rose again to proclaim that because of Christ, we can and will rise again too!

The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. **Matthew 27:51-53 ESV**

...When God lives and breathes in you...you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's! **Romans 8:11b MSG**

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout...with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. Then...we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. So encourage each other with these words. **1 Thessalonians 4:16 NLT**

Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. **John 20:6b-7 NLT**

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. **John 20:6-7 ESV**

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