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The Most Important Day In History.

1 Corinthians 15 [▼](#)

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.



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John 20



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DREADED FINALE TO NEW REALITY (vs. 1-10)

Daybreak Issues

- The earliest time to finish the burial process
- Mary Magdalene and other women
(Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1,2; Luke 23:55-24:1)
- The tomb
 - A stone placed over the opening of the tomb
 - Guarded by Roman soldiers (Matthew 27:62-68)



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Daybreak Issues

The Discovery

- The stone was rolled away
- Believed that someone stole the body of Jesus
- Ran to tell the disciples
- Testimony of women was not culturally accepted
- Peter and John run to the tomb
 - John ran ahead and looked inside
 - John witnessed the crucifixion
 - Peter reached the tomb and entered in
 - Peter denied knowing Jesus three days earlier



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DREADED FINALE TO NEW REALITY (vs. 1-10)

Daybreak Issues

The Discovery

Evidence Of Life

- Grave cloths lying in the tomb
- Face cloth folded in a separate place
- If grave robbers had stolen the body, they would have stolen the grave cloths also and not folded the face covering



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Daybreak Issues

The Discovery

Evidence Of Life

Belief

- Saw and believed... but not fully understanding



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God's Plan For Your Sin Problem
Revealed Through The Sacrifice Of
Jesus On The Cross And The
Resurrection From The Dead... So
YOU Can Have Life!



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OVERWHELMING SORROW TO UNEXPECTED JOY^(vs. 11-18)

Mary Stays

- Moved with grief and not understanding
- Mary's story...

Luke 8:1-3

Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.



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OVERWHELMING SORROW TO UNEXPECTED JOY^(vs. 11-18)

Mary Stays

Special Messengers

- Two angels come to comfort
- Mary still believes the body has been stolen



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OVERWHELMING SORROW TO UNEXPECTED JOY^(vs. 11-18)

Mary Stays

Special Messengers

Then Comes Jesus

- Still seeking more information about where the body must be
- Jesus comes
- When Mary hears her name spoken, she immediately knows this is Jesus



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OVERWHELMING SORROW TO UNEXPECTED JOY^(vs. 11-18)

Mary Stays

Special Messengers

Then Comes Jesus

More To Come

- “Go to my brothers and say to them...”
- The way to the Father is complete
- Sin and death defeated



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What Is Preventing You From
Believing Jesus?
Remember Mary Had 7 Demons...
Really, Are You Too Bad For Jesus?



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PREDICTABLE FEAR TO UNSTOPPABLE PEACE (vs. 19-31)

Uncertainty

- Fear looming over the disciples of the Jewish religious leaders and those who followed them
- False trials and execution of Jesus
- Remembering all the threats following Jesus



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PREDICTABLE FEAR TO UNSTOPPABLE PEACE (vs. 19-31)

Uncertainty

Jesus Appears

- Came and stood among them
- “Peace be with you”
- Jesus removed fear
- Peace and sent
- Foretaste of Pentecost
- Forgiveness of others expected

(Mark 11:25; Luke 6:37; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13; James 2:13)



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Matthew 6:14,15

“For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”



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PREDICTABLE FEAR TO UNSTOPPABLE PEACE (vs. 19-31)

Uncertainty

Jesus Appears

Doubting Thomas

- Demanded to proof for himself
- Proof was not words but actual physical evidence
- Eight days of wondering
- Jesus again appears when the doors are locked



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PREDICTABLE FEAR TO UNSTOPPABLE PEACE (vs. 19-31)

Uncertainty

Jesus Appears

Doubting Thomas

Proof... But Our Blessing

- Thomas believed... “My Lord and my God!”
- Jesus blesses those who believe without seeing



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PREDICTABLE FEAR TO UNSTOPPABLE PEACE (vs. 19-31)

Uncertainty

Jesus Appears

Doubting Thomas

Proof... But Our Blessing

Purpose

- John writes this gospel account to the world
John 20:30–31
Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; **but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**



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What Is Preventing You From Believing
And Receiving Eternal Life?
Is Anything Worth More Than Jesus?



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