

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Jesus: Accept or Deny

April 5, 2026 John 20:1-29

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Every day we celebrate and remember that Jesus died for our sins and was resurrected to be our Savior and Lord.

There are many promises throughout the OT about the coming Holy One who will save God's people and the world. Like...

For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave. Psalm 16:10 NLT

THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

Isaiah 53

This is the picture talking about the life and death and resurrection of the one who will be the Savior of the world 700 years before it happened.

This was God's plan to redeem His people, and that includes us.

JESUS PROPHECIES HIS RESURRECTION

On the way, Jesus told them, "All of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered." But after I am raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there." Peter said to him, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will." Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me." "No!" Peter declared emphatically. "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!" And all the others vowed the same. Mark 14:27-31 NLT

PETER'S DENIAL OF JESUS

Peter swore, "A curse on me if I'm lying—I don't know this man you're talking about!" And immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me." And he broke down and wept. Mark 14:66-72 NLT

THEY TOOK JESUS TO PILATE

Are you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate. "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. Mark 15:2 NIV

THE EMPTY TOMB

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "

Mark 16:6-7 NIV

JOHN 20:1-29

Verse 2 Mary is greatly honored.

Verses 3-6 Peter and John experience the empty tomb.

Verse 8 John believes.

Verse 14 Jesus first appears to Mary.

Verse 19 Disciples are hiding.

Verse 20 Disciples believe.

Verse 24 There is one more disciple. Thomas.

Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing." Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" John 20:27-28 NAS

Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

John 20:29 NAS

Jesus lived, died was resurrected and is now Savior of the world. It is yours to accept Him or deny Him.