

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ



Question:
Can you
“see” yet or
are you still
“blind”?
Admit you
are a sinner
and trust
and accept
Jesus as
Lord! Then
Jesus will
reveal
Himself
ALIVE!
Trust Him!

The Empty Tomb...He Has Risen!!

Believing in the Resurrection is Necessary for Salvation

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.”

Mark 16:1-8

The Resurrection

- Resurrection is the main event in human history and divine redemption and can't be separated from the Cross.
- The Cross & Resurrection are the foundation of the Christian faith and are commemorated by Easter.
- Without the resurrection, the Cross would be meaningless & there would be no salvation or eternal life.
- Resurrection of Christ is the key to our own resurrection. Physical resurrection is unique to Christianity
- Evidence - Empty tomb; Angel's testimony; Eyewitness testimony. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FT4Cj-Pi4m0> – 4 Evidences by Lee Strobel

Mark 16:1-8

The Resurrection

Resurrection is sometimes treated with less importance than the Cross, since we can relate to the huge buildup of the events, injustice, suffering, pain, sin bearing, etc. But the **Resurrection is as important as the Cross.**

1. Fulfills OT Prophecy (partial Davidic Covenant)

- Affirms Jesus as God's Son and the blessings that would come through Him. Acts 13:29-41; Psalms 2:7; 16:10; Is. 55:3, Is. 53; Ps. 22; **Rom. 1:2-4**

2. Confirms His Deity – prophesied Prophet, Priest, King

3. Completes God's Plan of Salvation – Rom. 4:24-25; 6:4; Ephesians 1:20-23

Mark 16:1-8

Why the Church Meets on Sunday

- The church doesn't meet on Friday or Sat., but on **Sunday**, even though Saturday is the Jewish Sabbath.
- Sunday is to commemorate the resurrection.
- Christ arose on Sunday
- **Acts 20:7**
 - “**Now on the first *day* of the week**, when the disciples came together to **break bread...**”
- **1 Corinthians 16:2**
 - “**On the first *day* of the week** let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.”

1 Corinthians 15 - Resurrection is the emphasis

Eyewitnesses to The Risen Christ

- **15** ...I declare to you the GOSPEL which I preached to you, ...² **by which also you are saved**, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.
- ³ ...that **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**, ⁵ and that **He was seen by Cephaz, then by the twelve**. ⁶ After that He was **seen by over five hundred brethren at once**, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷ After that **He was seen by James, then by all the apostles**. ⁸ Then last of all **He was seen by me also**, as by one born out of due time.

1 Corinthians 15:14-22

Importance of Christ's Resurrection

- ¹⁴ And **if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is empty and your faith is also empty*....**
- ¹⁷ And **if Christ is not risen, your faith *is futile; you are still in your sins!*...** ⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.
- ²⁰ But now **Christ is risen from the dead, *and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep*...**
- ²² For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ all shall be made alive.** ²³ **But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are Christ's at His coming.*** ²⁴ **Then *comes the end*,** when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

Acts 2:24-40 - Peter's 1st Sermon of the Church

Prophecy of the Risen Christ

- **24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.** ²⁵ For David says concerning Him:
- 'I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For **He is at my right hand**, that I may not be shaken. ²⁶ Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. ²⁷ **For You will not leave my soul in Hades**, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'
- ²⁹ "Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch **David**, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Therefore, **being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,** ³¹ he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

[Psalm 16:8-11](#)
This is Jesus speaking to David, Prophecy of the Risen Christ in 1000 BC

Jesus is Raised From the Dead

Matthew	Mark	Luke
<p>Matthew 28.1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.</p> <p>²And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.</p> <p>³His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:</p> <p>⁴And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.</p> <p>⁵And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.</p> <p>⁶He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.</p> <p>⁷And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.</p> <p>⁸And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.</p> <p>⁹And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.</p> <p>¹⁰Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me."</p>	<p>Mark 16:1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.</p> <p>²And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.</p> <p>³And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?</p> <p>⁴And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.</p> <p>⁵And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.</p> <p>⁶And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.</p> <p>⁷But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.</p> <p>⁸And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.</p> <p>⁹Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.</p> <p>¹⁰And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.</p> <p>¹¹And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.</p> <p>¹²After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.</p> <p>¹³And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.</p>	<p>Luke 24:1 Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.</p> <p>²And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.</p> <p>³And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.</p> <p>⁴And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:</p> <p>⁵And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?</p> <p>⁶He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,</p> <p>⁷Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.</p> <p>⁸And they remembered his words,</p> <p>⁹And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.</p> <p>¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.</p> <p>¹¹And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.</p> <p>¹²Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.</p>

Jesus is Raised From the Dead – John’s Account

Resurrection Events

The first day of the week cometh **Mary Magdalene early**, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and **seeth the stone taken away** from the sepulchre.

²Then **she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved**, and saith unto them, They have taken away the LORD out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. ³Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. ⁴So they ran both together: and the **other disciple did outrun Peter**, and came first to the sepulchre. ⁵And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. ⁶**Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,** ⁷And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but **wrapped together in a place by itself.** ⁸Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. ⁹**For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.** ¹⁰Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, ¹²And seeth **two angels in white sitting**, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. ¹³And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, **Because they have taken away my LORD**, and I know not where they have laid him. ¹⁴**And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.**

¹⁵**Jesus saith unto her, “Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?”** She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

¹⁶**Jesus saith unto her, Mary.** She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. ¹⁷**Jesus saith unto her, “Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.”** ¹⁸Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the LORD, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples (Thomas being absent)

¹⁹Then the **same day at evening**, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, **and saith unto them, “Peace be unto you”**.²⁰And when he had so said, **he shewed unto them his hands and his side.** Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD.

²¹Then said Jesus to them again, **“Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.”** ²²And when he had said this, **he breathed on them, and saith unto them, “Receive ye the Holy Ghost:”** ²³**Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.”**

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴**But Thomas**, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, **Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.**

²⁶And **after eight days** again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then **came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace be unto you.”**

²⁷Then saith he to Thomas, **“Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.”**

²⁸And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God.

²⁹**Jesus saith unto him, “Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.”**

Purpose of the Entire Gospel of John

³⁰And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: ³¹**But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.**

John 20

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

- **The Cross cannot be considered in isolation from the Resurrection. The Cross is the route Jesus took to return to the Father (John 20:17), and the route we take to receive Eternal Life.**
- The Disciple's faith became secure only after the resurrection, since it opens the door of understanding (v.9 – they didn't know the OT scripture yet).
- All 4 Gospels say “**the first day of the week**”, rather than the 3rd day after the crucifixion. Probably to emphasize Jesus as the beginning of something new.
- **Jesus Christ is ALIVE today**, both in Heaven & in your Heart if you have chosen to Repent & Believe. The best evidence is your own testimony.

John 20:1-2

The Prominence of Mary Magdalene

- The synoptics mention several women, but **always Mary Magdalene is named first**. She is the first testimony of the resurrection & all 4 Gospels mention she was first to the tomb “in the morning”.
- Mary Magdalene was from a Jew from the Galilean town of Magdala who was a follower of Jesus for over 2 years.
- **Evidence from a woman, was not normally admissible in Jewish courts. However, the Gospel writers took great effort to highlight her testimony and honor her.**
- Mary initially thought the tomb was robbed (John 20:2).

Peter & John at the Tomb

- Why does it say “John” (the “other disciple”) outran Peter?
- Early Church explanations are best and explain John’s speed due the fact **he was younger than Peter.**
- Peter may arrive 2nd, but consistent with his impulsive nature, he is 1st to enter the tomb.

Significance of the Empty Tomb

- While the empty tomb didn't receive great prominence in the early apostle's preaching, the Gospel writers understood the strategic importance of the empty tomb:
- **Historical**
 - The **rapid growth of the church** are unexplainable without the empty tomb, especially since they never came up with a body, despite trying to.
- **Theological**
 - Empty tomb establishes that there was **continuity between Jesus' pre-death body and his post-resurrection body.**
 - **1 Thess. 4:13-14 (God will raise us who die too)**

Linen Cloths & Handkerchief

- Linen Cloths lying there and Handkerchief was folded, Interesting point is the contrast with the resurrection of Lazarus (John 11:44).
- Lazarus came from the grave wearing his grave cloths and the additional burial cloth still wrapped around his head.
- **Jesus' resurrection body appears to have passed through the cloths & spices, since when spices and myrrh are wrapped around a body, the myrrh turns into a glue making it impossible to remove the bandages** (similar to how he appeared later in a "locked" room - John 20:19, 26)
- V.8 says that both John and Peter saw the cloths, John says he "saw and believed" –the themes of "**seeing**" and "**believing**" reach their climax here.
- **Significant because** most of the early believers came to faith when they saw the risen Christ, but **John comes to faith because he saw the grave-clothes still there!**
- V.9 - The scriptures they did not know may have been Ps. 16:10; Is 53:10-12

John 20:11-18

Angel Appears to Mary

- Transitional verse – Peter & John go back to their homes, but Mary returns to the tomb.
- **ANGELS** - All 4 Gospels mention the Angel(s) in white –white garments are a symbol of visitors from heaven. The Angels confirm that the missing body is not explained by grave robbers, but by God.
- **The tomb has no body** – this is the main point
- Women were **alarmed/afraid/trembled/amazed**
- Mark 16:5-6 - Angel says “**HE IS RISEN**” - “Go tell His disciples – **AND PETER** – that He is going before you into Galilee.”
- They actually didn’t go to Galilee, they went to the upper room, and His first two appearances came to the disciples in Jerusalem. It took them over a week to go to Galilee (John 21)

Earthquake & Angels at the Tomb

Matthew 28:2-4

- V.2 - “And behold, there was a **great earthquake**; for an **angel** of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and **rolled back the stone** from the door, and sat on it
- V.3 - **His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.**
- V.4 - And the **guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.**”

John 20:11-18

Jesus Appears to Mary

- **JESUS** – is **unrecognizable at first**, consistent with Synoptics:
 - People on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Him (Luke 24:16)
 - Mark 16:12 says "He appeared to them in a different form"
 - Disciples on the boat didn't recognize the man on shore (John 21:4)
- She thought he was the gardener, and He asks two questions
 1. **Why are you weeping?** – a mild rebuke - I am Risen!
 2. **Whom are you seeking?** – an invitation to reflect on the kind of Messiah she was expecting – her expectation was still far too small
- Mary was blind, **but when Jesus addressed her by NAME**, "Mary", she could see!!
 - **John 10"3-4** - ...**he calls his own sheep by name** and leads them out **and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.**

John 20:17

Jesus Responds to Mary

- John 20:17 Jesus said to her, “**Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’ ”**
- **Probably meant** “stop trying to hold onto Me like I may disappear...for I am not in ascended state yet. We have a new relationship now and I cannot stay with you like before. This is a time for joy and sharing the good news. She is told to stop because she hasn’t fully comprehended what is transpiring
- Jesus was still in the process of ascending to the Father, but He was no longer in flesh, but in His new spiritual body now (Heb. 5:7).

John 20:19-20

Jesus Appears to Disciples

Thomas Absent

- “The doors were locked” for fear of the Jews, but John’s purpose for mentioning this is to stress the miraculous nature of Jesus’ appearance.
- As Jesus resurrection body passed through the grave clothes, it passes through the walls.
- **“Peace be with you”** – Jesus says first when He enters and is repeated three times – v. 19, 21, 26 – Fulfills the promise He made to the disciples in **John 14:27; 16:33**
- Jesus proves who He is by showing His wounds – he was the only one crucified who was pierced in the side.

John 20:21-23

“The Great Commission”

- V. 21 - “**As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.**” [The Great Commission \(Evangelism of the World\) is the Supreme Task of the Church!!](#)
- V.22 “**Receive the Holy Spirit**” The Great Commission of v.22 is now tied to the giving of the Holy Spirit.
- The Risen Lord’s unique action in “**breathing**” on those present and imparting the Holy Spirit was **pointing forward**, in preparation for their full Filling of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost (50 days later).
- Similar to the acted parable of the Foot washing of the disciple’s feet – read at it’s simplest level, it’s just an act of servanthood; but readers with more insight understand that it **pointed forward** to the spiritual washing achieved by the blood of the lamb.
- **The Spirit is linked with Forgiveness of Sin in v. 23.** This again links to the Great Commission since the preaching of the Gospel will either bring people to Repent or leaves them unresponsive and still condemned in their sins.

John 20:24-29

Thomas Believes!

- Jesus proves He can hear the disciples when He is not present and removes the doubt from Thomas by letting him touch and see His wounds.
- Jesus says in v.27 **“Do not be unbelieving, but believing”**
- Thomas answers in v. 28: **“MY LORD AND MY GOD!”**
- Thomas answers not only with faith in the resurrected Christ, but also points to it’s deepest meaning...it is nothing less than the revelation of who Jesus Christ is...the One True GOD!
- Thomas, the greatest sceptic gives the most profound confession and is a climax of what it truly means to honour Jesus.
- We all must come to the place Thomas finally came to make this confession “Jesus is my Lord and My God”.

Matthew 28:11-15

Roman Soldiers are Bribed

- The soldiers report what happened to the Sanhedrin.
- Now the Sanhedrin had a problem, they had a real resurrection on their hands to deal with.
- So they BRIBED the soldiers to tell everyone that the disciples stole the body.
- The leaders of Israel never denied the tomb was empty and **no one has ever denied that the tomb was empty.**

The Road to Emmaus



“...He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself...And their eyes were opened...” Luke 24:27,31

Christ's Appearance on the Road to Emmaus

LUKE 24: 13-32

And, behold, **two of them** went that **same day** to a village called **Emmaus**, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

¹⁴ And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

¹⁵ And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, **Jesus himself** drew near, and went with them. ¹⁶ **But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.**

¹⁷ And he said unto them, **What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?**

¹⁸ And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

¹⁹ And he said unto them, **What things?** And they said unto him, Concerning **Jesus** of Nazareth, which was a **prophet mighty in deed and word** before God and all the people: ²⁰ And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

²¹ But **we trusted** that it had been he which should have **redeemed Israel**: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

²² Yea, and **certain women** also of our company **made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre**;

²³ And when **they found not his body**, they came, saying, that **they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.**

²⁴ And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

²⁵ Then he said unto them, **O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:**

²⁶ **Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?**

²⁷ **And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.**

²⁸ And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.

²⁹ But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. ³⁰ And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, **he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.**

³¹ **And their eyes were opened, and they knew him**; and he vanished out of their sight.

³² And they said one to another, Did not **our heart burn within us**, while he talked with us by the way, and **while he opened to us the scriptures?**

Luke 24:13-32

Jesus Opens the Eyes of the Blind

- Jesus meets two disheartened followers on the “**same day**” as He was **resurrected**, who were talking about the events surrounding Jesus’ rumoured resurrection from the women at the grave. (v.1)
- Theme of “**seeing**” and remaining “**blind**” to who Jesus is, is central. Has both historical and theological meaning. (v.16, 31)
- Jesus’ power and reputation are confirmed “**prophet mighty**”, but they didn’t understand that Jesus was “THE PROPHET” who fulfilled the promises of the prophets of old. (v.19)
- Jesus’ response begins by recognizing the **IGNORANCE** of the men with respect to the Old Testament scriptures which predicted Him. (v.25,27)
- **SUFFERING is linked to GLORY** – this was predicted in the OT and proves that He is from God since prophesy was fulfilled through the Cross.
- Jesus accepts their offer to stay with them, but surprisingly takes on the role of host, breaking bread & blessing it, recalling the feeding of the 5,000 and the Last Supper.
- **Importance of “the scriptures” stressed** – repeated in Luke 24: 25, 27, 32, 45

Luke 24:13-32

Jesus Opens the Eyes of the Blind

- Need for Understanding
 - Jesus asks some simple questions to establish what these men know and what they are ignorant of (technique of a great teacher)
 - Jesus answers them with amazing condensation to two simple, humble followers

Closing Songs

- Song – Because He Lives - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4M-zwE33zHA>
- Song – He is Lord - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wuLLcjDCKbg>
- Song – Survey of the Wondrous Cross - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FhvXOIVsRv4>
- Song – Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjfToqk5w5g>

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