

JESUS' RESURRECTION

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HE IS RISEN!

Who is Jesus to you?

Who are you to Jesus?

John 12:23-24 - *But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. ²⁴ Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.*

John 17:4 - *I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. (Jesus' "High Priestly Prayer")*

John 19:30 - *So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.*

John 18:1 - *When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden. . . In that garden Jesus pled with the Father, three times/three prayers. He asked that the cup of judgment would be taken away. However, Jesus submitted to the Father – that the Father's will would be done. (Matt. 26:39 - *O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.*) In submitting to the will of the Father – there was victory. VICTORY in the midst of judgment!*

Jesus was arrested in the Garden. This was God's plan.

John 18:3 - *Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, AND officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.*

Jesus was scourged and nailed to the cross.

John 19:28-30 – *"After this, Jesus, knowing^[e] that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, 'I thirst!' ²⁹ Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. ³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished! And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.'"*

Isa. 53:10 – *It pleased the Father to bruise the Son.* This was God's plan. His ETERNAL plan.

Rev. 13:8 – *Jesus is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

“It is finished” - Jesus’ work was completed:

Gen. 3:15 - the seed of the woman had crushed the seed of the serpent.

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Heb. 2:14 – . . . *that through death, He might DESTROY him who had the power of death, that is the devil.*

Jesus had to die. Jesus had die ON Passover to fulfill prophecy. The spotless/unblemished lambs at the first Passover in Egypt had to be slain ON Passover. AND SO, JESUS HAD to die ON Passover. I Cor. 5:7 – He is our Passover.

“It is finished”:

- “It is finished” Gk - *tetelestai*, an accounting term that means “paid in full.” When Jesus uttered those words, He was declaring that the debt owed to His Father was wiped away completely and forever.
 - Col. 2:14 – by conquering death, Jesus rendered Satan POWERLESS against all who are saved.
 - I Cor. 15:54-58 – for the believer, death is swallowed up in victory.
- Jesus eliminated the debt owed by mankind—the debt of sin. He paid the penalty for your sin, for my sin. He died in our place. He died the death we should have died.
- Jesus had finished the eternal purpose of the cross. It stands today as a finished work, the foundation of our reconciliation to God – to being placed in a right relationship with God. “We owed a debt we couldn’t pay; He paid a debt He didn’t owe.” What love is this?
- On the cross a spiritual transaction took place. God the Father laid upon God the Son all the guilt and wrath our sin deserved, and He bore it in Himself perfectly, totally satisfying the wrath of God for us.
 - We are saved from the wrath of God.
 - In that transaction, God gave us who believed and who would believe, His righteousness (II Cor. 5:21 – *For He made Him Who knew no sin to be sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*)
 - Heb. wd. for righteous/righteousness - *tsedeq* – the condition of being acceptable to God – of being put into a right relationship with God.

What was finished?

- Believers are not under the authority of the Mosaic Law
 - Romans 10:4 – *Christ is the end of the law for righteousness*. Belief in Jesus as Messiah, as God, ends our futile attempts to obey the law with the goal of being put into a right relationship with God. Gal. 3:24 – the law was given as a tutor to bring us to Jesus.
 - The Mosaic Law was temporary (Gal. 3:19)
 - The Law is from God and it reflects Who God is. The Law restores the soul (Psa. 19:7).

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(For your personal study. . . “It is finished” means. . . .)

- The death of Jesus rendered inoperative the sin-nature’s authority and power to reign over the believer. The believer is dead to sin – free from the domination of the sin-nature. The sin-nature is not dead; however, the believer is dead to it in that he is no longer obligated to obey its demands as he was before he was saved (Romans 6).
- The death of Jesus is the grounds for the believer’s forgiveness and cleansing (I John 1:9). Jesus’ death obtained eternal redemption (Heb. 9:11-12).
- Jesus died not only for the sins that would be committed after His death, but also for the sins committed prior to His death. He died for the sins of NT saints and also for the sins of OT saints (Romans 3:25; Acts 17:30; Hebrews 10:4)
- The death of Jesus meant the spoiling of principalities and powers – He triumphed over them (Col. 2:14; John 12:31; John 16:11; Heb. 2:14).
- Established Him as our Great High Priest (Heb. 9:11-12)
- The blood of Jesus cleansed the heavenly sanctuary (Heb. 9:21-24). The fall of Satan occurred in heaven. Therefore, the heavenly sanctuary needed the cleansing of blood just as the earthly sanctuary needed the same.
- The death of Jesus is the grounds for peace:
 - Between God and man (Romans 5:1).
 - Between Jews and Gentiles (Eph. 2:11-16; Col. 3:11).

- On this earth (Col. 1:20) – in the Millennial Kingdom (Romans 8:21-22).
- The death of Jesus is the basis for the national salvation of Israel. Some day all Israel will believe on Him (Deut. 30:3; Jer. 31:31-34; Romans 11:25-29). The future national salvation of Israel is the precondition to Jesus' Second Coming (Zech. 12:10-ff).
- The death of Jesus is the basis for the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom (Rev. 5:8-14).

It is finished

Matt. 27:51-53 – “Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, ⁵² and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; ⁵³ and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.”

The veil of the Temple (Josephus – 60” high/4” thick/made of fine twisted linen – very dense.) The veil separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies. What had been in the Holy of Holies?

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When Jesus gave up His spirit, the veil of the temple was torn in two from TOP to bottom. GOD made the way into His presence. HE opened the way to the Holy of Holies - ??

Each year, prior to the death of the Messiah, only the High Priest could enter and sprinkle blood on the mercy seat during Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement. On that one day each year a sacrifice was offered for the sins of the people as a nation. The tearing of the veil signified that the way into God's presence was open to all through the blood of the Messiah shed on the cross. An invitation was extended.

Heb. 9:6-14 (READ)

John 19:41-42a - *Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So there they laid Jesus,*

In that place we see judgment and salvation!

In synagogues today and in Jesus' day, on the Sabbath (Saturday) following Passover (following Jesus' crucifixion; the day prior to Resurrection Sunday), the Song of Solomon was/is read. Jewish people call the Song of Solomon “the Holy of Holies”.

- Song of Solomon 4:6 – “*Until the cool of the day, when the shadow flees away, I will go to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of frankincense.*” The Bridegroom was anointed for burial – to die for the bride.
- Song of Solomon 5:1 – “*I have come to my garden, my sister, my spouse. . . .*” – which many interpret as an invitation to his garden.

The day following the Sabbath of Passover week, Sunday, was the Feast of First Fruits (Lev. 23:9-14). This was the first harvest – the barley harvest. Jewish mindset: as God has given us the first harvest, surely He will give us the next harvest (wheat). At the Feast of First Fruits, the entire harvest was consecrated as the first fruit was dedicated.

- “On Sunday,” the day after the Song of Solomon was read in synagogues, when it was still dark, a three-man delegation from the Sanhedrin would go to the Ashes Valley, across from the Kidron Valley. In the Ashes Valley there was a small open field of barley. The three-man delegation would wait, while it was still dark, for the first pinpoint of light to come up on the back of the Mount of Olives (in the east). When they saw the first pinpoint of sunlight, they would ceremonially harvest the first stalks of grain. These were the first fruits. The first fruits offered to God consecrated the entire harvest.
- All four Gospels tell us that Jesus’ resurrection was at the very “crack of dawn” – while it was still dark (Matt. 28:1; Mark 16:2; Luke 24:1; John 20:1). The very hour of the very day of the year when the men were reaping and bundling the grain and the priest was bringing the first fruit from that harvest into the Temple to wave before the Lord – the grain that had fallen into the ground and died – the grain that produced a harvest – and

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that first fruit of the harvest was now dedicated to the Lord – consecrating the rest of the harvest – at that very time - Jesus rose from the dead. I Cor. 15:20, 23 – Jesus is our first fruits. His resurrection guarantees the resurrection of believers in Him.

In the garden of Eden, man sinned. The curse is placed on man and the earth in the garden. Judgment is levied. And, immediately in the garden the promise of salvation/redemption is given (Gen. 3:15).

In a garden, Jesus was crucified – *Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb. . . .* (John 19:41).

John 20:1 – Mary Magdalene came to the garden. In the garden, the curse came upon Eve first (Gen. 3:16-17ff). So, the good news of Jesus’ resurrection came to a woman first.

Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping (John 20:11-12). When she looked into the tomb, she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. We see the Mercy Seat. Jesus is our Mercy Seat.

The Ark held the broken law [Ex. 25:21]). The Mercy Seat – which is a type of Jesus – sits between the broken law and God! The veil was torn in two from top to bottom. The veil is Jesus' flesh. He sacrificed Himself to open the way – the only way – to God. Jesus has made the way into the heavenly Holy of Holies.

John 20:16 – Mary was weeping and telling whom she thought was the “gardener” that her Lord had been taken away and she didn't know where they had laid Him. If the “gardener” had carried Him away, Mary asked him to tell her. Jesus responded with, “Mary!” Here, we might say, is a welcoming into the garden – as “the Beloved” welcomed His bride in the Song of Solomon 5:1.

In Genesis, in the garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were driven out of the garden. Following the crucifixion and resurrection, in the garden, the door is open wide! We have an invitation!

Matt. 27:51b-53 – . . . *and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,* ⁵² *and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;* ⁵³ *and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.*

Matthew alone mentioned this miracle. Since the bodies appeared to many people, there were ample eyewitnesses who could testify to the validity of the miracle. Here is a visible demonstration of Lev. 23:9-14 – first fruits. Jesus was NOT alone in His resurrection.

John 12:23-24 - *“The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains ALONE; but if it DIES, it produces MUCH FRUIT.”*

Jesus is the forerunner of the harvest to come – believers in Him! Jesus’ resurrection is proof of Jesus’ deity. Proof that His work was indeed finished – He had paid the penalty for sin – He had met God’s righteous demands and GOD ACCEPTED HIS SACRIFICE.

Jesus is our GREAT HIGH PRIEST (Hebrews 3, 4, 5)!

I Cor. 15:17 – If Christ is not risen – our faith is futile – and we are still in our sins! BUT, the author of Hebrews tells us to LOOK UNTO JESUS – the Author and Finisher/Completer of our faith – Who for the JOY that was set before Him – endured the cross – despising the shame and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God as our Great HP – pleading for us when Satan accuses us. And JESUS pleads for us based on His shed blood which cleanses our sin.

By the ARM/ZEROAH of the Lord, God delivered the Jewish people from Egypt:

Ex. 6:6 – “. . . I will redeem you with an outstretched arm.”

Jesus – the arm/zeroah of the Lord (Isa. 53:1-2) – has redeemed us by His outstretched arms on the cross!

This was God’s plan. It remains God’s plan. It is eternally God’s plan. And, it is glorious!

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