

The Resurrection of Our Lord – 2024

Sunday, 3/31 at 9:00



The Holy Week Journey

The Resurrection!

Based on the Booklet
Day 40

Text: Mark 16:1-8 NAS-95

Today: He Is Risen! | Join Us for Breakfast at 10:30

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: For me, *and I hope for you too*, it has been a **good Holy Week journey** during this past season of Lent.

Holy Week used to be called the **Great Week** – *because of the greatness of Jesus' work!* But why **Holy Week**? We know what the week includes, but why the name? Holy Week is the week during which Jesus completed His saving work, *so that everyone, through Him, can be HOLY IN GOD'S SIGHT!* That is exactly what God requires *for our entrance into heaven!*

Holy Week began with Jesus being **anointed** for His burial, **then** His grand entrance into Jerusalem, **then** His driving of the merchants out of the Court of the Gentiles, **then** repeated challenges from the Jewish leaders, **then** much teaching, and **then** the events of Good Friday: **+**washing feet, **+**eating the Passover meal, **+**instituting the Lord's Supper, **+**teaching His disciples, **+**praying in Gethsemane, and being **+**arrested, tried, scourged, mocked, and crucified.

Then, after bearing our sins and the eternal wrath of God that we deserved, Jesus laid down His life. **Then** His body was wrapped and entombed, *and all hope was extinguished!*

In *the Gospel according to Mark*, nothing is recorded on **Holy Saturday**, but *Matthew* records that the Jewish leaders said this to Pilate on Saturday, “Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, ‘**After three days I rise again.**’ Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day...” Pilate said to them, “You have a guard; go, make it *as* secure as you know how.” And they went and made the grave secure... (Matt. 27:63-66).

We now return to **The Holy Week Journey – the final day!**

Day 40 (Sa, 3/30) – The Resurrection:

1. **16:1** When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint [the body of Jesus].
 - a. The Sabbath: From *sunset Friday* to *sunset Saturday*, Sabbath rest was observed, so the markets were closed. When the Sabbath rest ended at sunset on Saturday, the markets reopened Saturday evening.
 - b. Preparation: The two ladies named **Mary** bought spices on Saturday evening, so they would be prepared to further anoint Jesus’ dead body on Sunday morning.
2. ² Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. // Saturday is the **end** of the week; Sunday is the **beginning** of the week. When we start each week with Jesus, *the Holy Spirit will bless us with Truth, Forgiveness, Assurance, Peace, and Guidance!*
3. ³ [The ladies] were saying to one another [as they drew near to the tomb], “**Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?**” ⁴ Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was

extremely large. // What happened? Matthew recorded that “an angel of the Lord descended from heaven... and rolled away the stone” (28:2).

4. ⁵ Entering the tomb, [the ladies] saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. // From Matthew (28), Luke (24), and John (20), we know the young man was a holy angel – *a messenger sent from God to inform the ladies about Jesus.*

5. ⁶ And [the angel] said to them, “**Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen**; He is not here; behold, *here is the place where they laid Him.* ⁷ But go, tell His disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.’”

- a. Forgetful: *All of Jesus’ followers* had forgotten these important words, Jesus said, “...the Son of Man will be **delivered** to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will **condemn** Him to death and will **hand Him over** to the Gentiles. They will **mock** Him and **spit** on Him, and **scourge** Him and **kill Him**, and three days later **He will rise again**” (Mk. 10:33-34). Let’s be honest, we also tend to forget God’s precious truth – *resulting in worry, stress, and guilt*. Therefore, it is critical to keep **reading**, **believing**, and **living** God’s word!
- b. His disciples and Peter: Why is Peter set apart from the disciples? **Because**, *in the middle of the night on Good Friday*, he 😞lost his courage, 😞feared for his life, and 😞made it clear that he had *no relationship with Jesus*. **HOWEVER**, *since his rejection*, **Peter**, *by the Holy Spirit*, had repented **and** Jesus knew it. **Therefore**, Jesus

wanted Peter to know that **he was forgiven**, *he was now included again among His disciples*. Have we denied Jesus with our words or our deeds? If so, let us ☞repent and ☞be sure of *God’s amazing forgiveness!*

6. ⁸ [The ladies] went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

- Holy angels: They are **God-sent messengers**. They are **not** free to say whatever; instead, *they always share the message God has given to them*. Therefore, when the angel said, “**He has risen,**” *we should be certain that Jesus is no longer dead, **BUT ALIVE!***
- The meaning of Jesus’ resurrection: Many great people have ✨lived, ✨risen to greatness, and ✨died, *and they are still dead – EXCEPT FOR JESUS!* Why is Jesus different? **He is the Son of God in human flesh!** Because He lives: ★The Bible is true, ★we were created, ★there are absolute rights and wrongs, ★all people are accountable to God, ★all who reject Jesus condemn themselves, and ★all who – *by grace* – receive Jesus are blessed now and forever!

Conclusion: Are you trusting in Jesus for heaven? Are you being spiritually nourished through God’s word every day? Are you committed to gathering here every week?

Let Us Pray: Dear Holy Spirit, we are all falling short of God’s will for our lives; therefore, move us to ➡repent in every needful way and ➡greatly rejoice in our risen Savior!

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