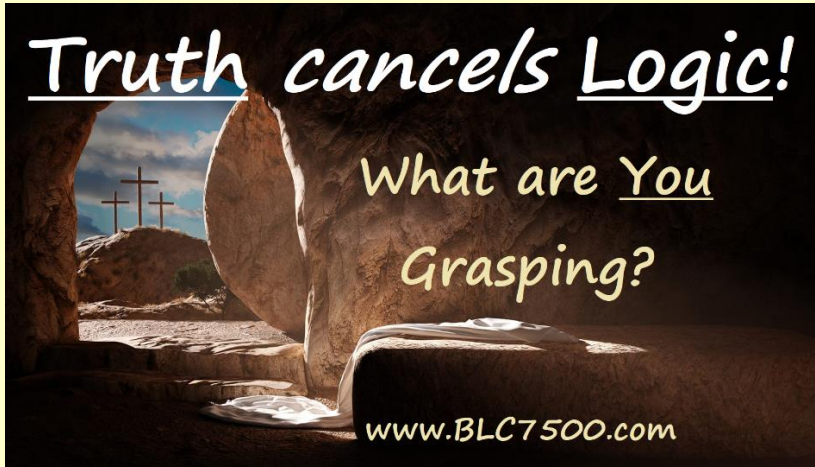


The Resurrection of Our Lord – 2022

Sunday, 4/17 at 9:00



Text: Luke 24:1-12; 1Corinthians 15:19-26 NAS 1995

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: Are you a $2 + 2 = 4$ kind of a person? If yes, then you base what you believe on logic – *it's reasonable*, and proof – *it's factual*.

Did Jesus die on a cross? Logic and proof say, “Yes!”

- Logic: When a Roman Centurion was entrusted with the job of putting a condemned criminal to death, *he certainly followed through!*
- Proof: John records that a soldier “pierced [Jesus’] side with a spear, and immediately **blood and water** came out” (19:34). What does that mean? A retired cardiothoracic surgeon, Dr. Antony de Bono, wrote that “**Jesus had a haemothorax,**” in other words, “**in the stillness of [His] dead body, [the fluid separated] into two layers: the heavier red cells below and the light watery plasma above.**”¹ *The blood and water that came out of Jesus proved that He was dead!*

¹ <https://aleteia.org/2019/06/22/a-doctor-on-why-blood-and-water-gushed-from-jesus-heart/>

Since most of us are logical and believe what is proven by experts, we are tempted to conclude that †Jesus died **and** †MUST STILL BE DEAD! However, based on ➡God's unshakeable truth **and** ➡the powerful work of His Spirit, ☹our logic has been canceled **and** ☹we are tightly embracing Jesus – our risen Lord and Savior😊!

In this sermon, we will touch on the account of Jesus' resurrection *according to Luke* and recall the essential importance of always remaining "In Christ."

1. **The Resurrection of Jesus: Luke 24:1-12**

- a. **His Body Is Gone:** ¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. // Those women had *no thought* of Jesus being raised; **instead**, they were filled with sadness and came to continue the process of anointing His dead body.
- b. **Angels Announce: He Is Risen:** ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men [*two angels (John 20:12)*] suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; ⁵ and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, ⁷ saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."
 - i. Reaction to the Angels: ➡*Terrified!* ➡*Faces to the ground!* Angels are awesome beings created by a

MUCH MORE AWESOME GOD, who **is worthy of our total** ➔ respect, ➔ trust, and ➔ obedience!

ii. A Life-Changing Reminder: Remember what Jesus said: I will be †betrayed, †mistreated, and †crucified, **BUT ON THE THIRD DAY I WILL RISE AGAIN!** Upon hearing and remembering, and by the grace of God, *they believed!*

c. Reporting; Disbelieving; Marveling: ⁸ **And they remembered [Jesus'] words,** ⁹ **and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.** ¹⁰ **Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the *mother* of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles.** ¹¹ **But these words appeared to [the apostles] as nonsense, and they would not believe them.** ¹² **But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings only; and he went away to his home, marveling at what had happened.** // Twelve minus Judas – *the eleven*; they heard the report of the women, but leaning on their **logic** and **proof**, *they would not believe* 😊. But Peter was **curious, excited**; *he did not yet believe but he wanted to know more*, so he ➔RAN to the tomb, ➔remembered what Jesus had said, and ➔was in awe! **Peter searched and God opened his way to the TRUTH, which cancels logic.** *Let us do the same!*

2. **Being “In Christ” Is Essential**: **1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

a. Jesus, the Christ Is Risen: ¹⁹ **If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.** ²⁰ **But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.** ²¹ **For since by a**

man [Adam] *came death, by a man* [Jesus] *also came the resurrection of the dead.* // **God's truth cancels logic!**

- b. When Jesus Returns: ²² **For as in Adam all die [because of sin], so also in Christ all shall be made alive [all who are ↻sorry for their sins, ↻trusting in Jesus for eternal life, and ↻honoring Him in their lives].** ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, ²⁴ then comes the end, when He delivers up the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. ²⁶ **The last enemy that will be abolished is death.** // Death is a powerful enemy; we are helpless against death, *but Jesus has defeated death!* Now, *we believe by faith;* when He comes, *our eyes will see!*

Take Aways:

- **Truth** – Jesus was dead; *now He is alive!*
- **Relevance** – His death removed all sin; *through faith we have God's gift of eternal life!*
- **Inspiration** – Let us invite everyone to **stop** trusting in themselves, **be sorry** for their sins, **trust in Jesus** for heaven, and **gladly honor Him** in their lives!

Let Us Pray: Dear Jesus, *TYSM for opening the way to heaven!*
♦Keep us grasping You, ♦open blind eyes to the saving truth,
and ♦lead all who are not currently “in Christ” to repent!

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