

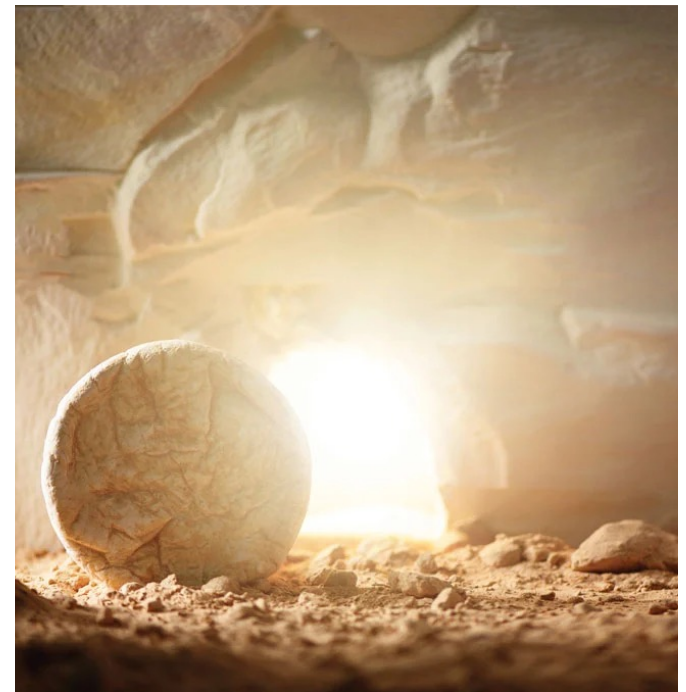


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Jesus Has Risen (Matthew 28:1-10)

- After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.
- The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”
- So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”



The Resurrection Sunday (Lord's Day)

- The first day of the week is resurrection day
 - After the Sabbath, at dawn on the **first day** of the week (Matthew 28:1).
 - Very early on the **first day** of the week, just after sunrise (Mark 16:2).
 - On the **first day** of the week, very early in the morning (Luke 24:1).
 - Early on the **first day** of the week, while it was still dark (John 20:1).
 - On the **Lord's Day** I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet (Revelation 1:10).
- It was day three after Sabbath
 - In the end of the sabbath, long after the end of the Sabbath.
 - The Sabbath ended and the first day of the week began.
- It is the beginning of a new era, symbolizing a new creation
 - Occurring after the Saturday Sabbath (the seventh day) and at the dawn of the first day (Sunday), this timeline highlights the end of the old law and the beginning of the New Covenant.
 - Worship is on Sunday, not on the Sabbath (Saturday), the day of resurrection.

Resurrection of Jesus

- When was Jesus resurrected?
 - Jesus rose from the dead before the women arrived;
- The first witnesses
 - Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb (Matthew 28:1b).
 - Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body (Mark 16:1).
 - Joanna (wife of Chuza) and other women (Luke 24:10).
 - The women did not believe Jesus' resurrection when they went to the tomb.
- What the women observed/witnesses
 - A violent earthquake caused by an angel descending from heaven.
 - The angel roll back the massive stone covering the tomb and sit upon it.
 - The terrified guards trembled and became like dead men.
- Why was the angel there?
 - The angel opened the grave to let people in to see that Jesus was risen (not to let Jesus out).
 - Explain the women what happened.

The Resurrection Story (1)

- Mary Magdalene ran to disciples
 - Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”(John 20:1-2).
- The rest of the women
 - While Mary Magdalene is gone, the rest of the woman met the angel.
 - The angel said, Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples...” So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples (Matthew 20:5-8).
 - The rest of women left the place to tell the disciples what the angel had said.
- Peter, John and Mary Magdalene were returning to the tomb:
 - Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in (John 20:4-5).
 - Then the disciples went back to where they were staying (John 20:10).

The Resurrection Story (2)

- Mary Magdalene alone staying the place
 - Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb (John 20:11).
- Mary Magdalene met Jesus
 - She said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (John 20:15-16).
- What happened to the rest of the women?
 - The women hurried away from the tomb to tell the disciples what the angel had said. On their way, they met the risen Jesus.
 - So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me” (Matthew 28:8-10).

The Evidences of Jesus' Resurrection

- The women as witnesses
 - Mary Magdalene and the other women are the primary and first witnesses of the empty tomb and the risen Jesus.
- The empty tomb and moved stone (Matthew 28:2)
 - Matthew records a great earthquake and the stone being rolled back.
 - The tomb was guarded by Roman soldiers (Matthew 27:66). For the tomb to be empty, the guards would have had to be overcome. The stolen body theory was historically difficult because of the presence of the Roman guard and the heavy stone.
- The grave clothes (John 20:6-7).
 - Peter and John see the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth folded up by itself.
- Transformation of the witnesses
 - The women are filled with fear and great joy (Matthew 28:8).

The Meaning of Resurrection (1)

- The resurrection validates the identify of Jesus
 - (Angel said) “He is not here; he has risen, just as he said” (Matthew 28:6).
 - He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things... and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life (Matthew 16:21).
 - The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life (Matthew 17:22-23).
 - We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death...and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life (Matthew 20:17-19).
- The resurrection brought us into the family of God
 - “Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me” (Matthew 28:10).
 - “Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news (John 20:17-18).
 - Before the Resurrection, Jesus called them disciples or friends. After the Resurrection, He calls them brothers. This signifies a new status for believers: adoption into the family of God. The Resurrection makes His Father, our Father.

The Meaning of Resurrection (2)

- The resurrection made us filled with joy, which turns to worship
 - So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples (Matthew 28:8).
- The resurrection restores personal relationship with each of us
 - Jesus said to her, “Mary” (John 20:16).
 - The Resurrection is deeply personal. Jesus did not just rise for humanity in a general sense; He rose to restore individual relationships. It signifies that God knows each of us by name and seeks us.
- The resurrection asks us to go and tell
 - Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me (Matthew 28:10).
 - Go instead to my brothers and tell them (John 20:17).
 - The Resurrection is not a secret to be kept, but a message to be shared to the world. It marks the transition from Jesus being the sole worker to the believers becoming co-workers in the Ministry of God.

Resurrection: Core Christian Doctrine

- But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. (1 Corinthians 15:12-19)