

# EASTER SERVICE

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## *Easter - Part 2 – The Resurrection*

Part 1 – Jesus' Death & Burial - The Establishing of the New Covenant

Part 2 - Jesus' Resurrection - Unique Claim of Christianity

No other religion has a similar claim -

## *ACCOUNT OF RESURRECTION SUNDAY*

**Mat 28:1** Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, **Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.**

Mat 28:2 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.**

Mat 28:3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.

Mat 28:4 And **the guards shook for fear of him, and BECAME LIKE DEAD MEN.** [*They fell under the spirit*]

Mat 28:5 But **the angel answered and said to the women** [*he did not even address the guard, they were laying there*], "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek **Jesus who was crucified.**

Mat 28:6 **HE IS NOT HERE; FOR HE IS RISEN**, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Mat 28:7 And **go quickly and tell HIS DISCIPLES** that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

Mat 28:8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

Mat 28:9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, **Jesus met them**, saying, "**REJOICE!**" [*That is what we should do today, and every day*] So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.

Mat 28:10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go *and* tell **MY BRETHREN** to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me." [*Jesus calls His disciples brethren*]

## *A TRUTH DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE –*

### *Even the Disciples Had Problems Believing It*

- **Joh 20:18** Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and *that* He had spoken these things to her.
- Joh 20:19 Then, 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, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you."
- Joh 20:20 When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.
- Joh 20:21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

- Joh 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
- Joh 20:23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained."
- **Joh 20:24** Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
- Joh 20:25 The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "**Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.**"
- Joh 20:26 And **after eight days** His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"
- Joh 20:27 Then He said to Thomas, "**Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. DO NOT BE UNBELIEVING, BUT BELIEVING.**"
- Joh 20:28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"
- **Joh 20:29** Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. **BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET HAVE BELIEVED.**"

### *MANY OTHER INSTANCES OF THE RESURRECTED JESUS APPEARING*

- **1Co 15:5** and that He was seen by **Cephas [Peter]**, then by **the twelve**.
- 1Co 15:6 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.
- 1Co 15:7 **After that He was seen by James [His brother, when he became a believer]**, then by **all the apostles**.
- 1Co 15:8 Then last of all **He was seen by me also [Paul]**, as by one born out of due time.

#### **THE PURPOSE OF THESE INSTANCES**

- **Joh 20:30** And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;
- **Joh 20:31** but **THESE ARE WRITTEN THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, AND THAT BELIEVING YOU MAY HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME.**
- **Our faith in Jesus's Resurrection** is critical to our salvation
- **1 Cor 15:17** – **If Christ is not risen our faith is futile and we are in our sins, not salvation (deliverance, healing, protection, peace, blessings)**
  - Jesus resurrected was not only a vision, hallucination, mythology as many leaders of denomination profess today
  - **He was more than a great leader –**
  - **Great leaders could not resolve our spiritual condition**
  - Not in our ability to get saved, blessed or healed by good deeds

### *CHOOSE THE WORD OF GOD OVER YOUR SENSES*

- **Do not be like Thomas – You will miss the blessings**
- **IT IS A CHOICE**
- **WHEN HE APPEARED TO TWO DISCIPLES IN THE WAY TO EMMAUS**

- **Luk 24:25** Then He said to them, "**O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!**"
- Luk 24:26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"
- Luk 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

#### **HE WILL DO THE SAME WITH YOU – reveal Himself**

- We can be limited by our logic which is based on our senses – SENSE RULED KNOWLEDGE
- Any invention, even in science, is achieved by thinking outside the box, that is by believing that you can – **BY FAITH**

### *YOUR BELIEFS CREATE YOUR EXPERIENCE*

- **Not ceremonies or formulas – The beliefs that are in your heart**
- **TWO SOURCES OF KNOWLEDGE**
  - **SENSES -> SENSE RULED KNOWLEDGE**
    - Your experiences
    - The Carnal Mind
  - **HOLY SPIRIT -> REVELATION BASED KNOWLEDGE –**
    - The Word of God and Revelation as you meditate on it
    - The Spiritual Mind

#### **START PRAYING ABOUT REVELATION - Paul's Prayer**

- **Eph 1:17** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, **MAY GIVE TO YOU THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM,**
- Eph 1:18 the **EYES OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING BEING ENLIGHTENED;** that you may know what is the **hope of His calling,** what are the **riches of the glory of HIS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS,**
- Eph 1:19 and what *is* the **exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe,** according to the working of His mighty power
- Eph 1:20 **which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,**
- Eph 1:21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.
- Eph 1:22 And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church,
- Eph 1:23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

#### **CHOOSE TO BELIEVE THE WORD OF GOD**

- **BELIEVING IS A CHOICE WITH GREAT IMPLICATIONS**
- **1Pe 1:3** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again **TO A LIVING HOPE** [*confident expectation*] through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead [*by believing in the resurrection*],
- 1Pe 1:4 to **AN INHERITANCE INCORRUPTIBLE and undefiled and that does not fade away,** reserved in heaven for you,
- 1Pe 1:5 who are **KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH FAITH FOR SALVATION** ready to be revealed in the last time.

### *MEDITATE ON THESE TRUTHS*

#### **YOUR IMMORTALITY**

- **1Co 15:51** Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—
- 1Co 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and **the dead will be raised incorruptible**, and we shall be changed.
- 1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and **this mortal must put on immortality**.
- 1Co 15:54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "**DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY.**"
- 1Co 15:55 "**O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING? O HADES, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY?**"
- 1Co 15:56 The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law.
- 1Co 15:57 But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
  - **Life does not end with the grave – We do not need to fear death –**
- **Rev 21:4** And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; **THERE SHALL BE NO MORE DEATH, NOR SORROW, NOR CRYING. THERE SHALL BE NO MORE PAIN, FOR THE FORMER THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY.**"

### THE RESURRECTION POWER

- **Php 3:8** Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ
- Php 3:9 and **be found in Him, not having my own righteousness**, which *is* from the law, but **that which *is* through faith in Christ**, the righteousness which is **from God by faith** [*believing*];
- Php 3:10 **that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection**, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,
- Php 3:11 if, by any means, **I may attain** [*arrive to*] **to the resurrection from the dead**.
- Php 3:12 Not that I have **already attained** [*lam-ban'-o = take hold*] or am already perfected; but **I press on**, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.
- Php 3:13 Brethren, **I do not count myself to have apprehended** [*Grk. katalambano = seize by force*]; but one thing *I do*, **forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead**,
- Php 3:14 **I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**

### THE HOLY SPIRIT DWELLING IN YOU

- **Rom 8:5** For those who live according to the flesh [*senses*] set their minds on the things of the flesh, but **those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit**.
- Rom 8:6 For to be **carnally minded *is* death**, but to be **spiritually minded *is* life and peace**.
- Rom 8:7 Because the **carnal mind *is* enmity against God**; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.
- Rom 8:8 So then, **those who are in the flesh cannot please God**.
- Rom 8:9 But **YOU ARE NOT IN THE FLESH BUT IN THE SPIRIT, IF INDEED THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLS IN YOU**. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.
- Rom 8:10 And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

- Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
- Rom 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.
- Rom 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
- Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

### YOU ARE RAISED TOGETHER WITH CHRIST IN BAPTISM

- Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
- Eph 2:5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved) *[I am alive with Christ]*,
- Eph 2:6 and raised us up together *[I am raised together with Christ]*, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, *[I sit in heavenly places with Christ]*
- Eph 2:7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- Eph 2:8 FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH, AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD,
- Eph 2:9 NOT OF WORKS, lest anyone should boast. *[I am saved by grace, not works]*
- Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

### COMMUNION

- Ceremonies mean nothing in themselves (physical bread and wine) but a place to remind us of some spiritual truth – to connect to a spiritual reality – **THEY ARE ACTED OUT MEDITATIONS**
  - *Trusting in Jesus' blood cleanses your conscience of sin – Heb 9:14*
- Co 11:23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;
- 1Co 11:24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." *[I remember that Jesus' body was broken for me]*
- 1Co 11:25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." *[I remember the New Covenant established by Jesus' blood that was shed for the forgiveness of my sins]*
- 1Co 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, YOU PROCLAIM THE LORD'S DEATH till He comes. *[I proclaim Jesus' death before God's angels and men]*
- 1Co 11:27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.
- 1Co 11:28 But LET A MAN EXAMINE HIMSELF, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.
- 1Co 11:29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. *[Lord I examine myself to see if I am in faith. I renounce my sins and in faith I decide not to fall in them again. I put my faith in You Lord and not in my works. I am worthy because of what you did on the cross. I am righteous. I am in right standing with God because I am washed in Your blood and you paid for my sins. I come boldly before the throne of Grace to find help. (Heb 4:16)]*
- 1Co 11:30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.
- 1Co 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.
- 1Co 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

- **AS YOU COME TO TAKE THE ELEMENTS OF COMMUNION. SET YOUR HEART ON JESUS, THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF YOUR FAITH**
- **DISCERN HIS BODY AND HIS BLOOD**
- **SEE YOURSELF FORGIVEN AND HEALED**
- **APPROPRIATE ALL THE BENEFITS THAT HE HAS PROCURED FOR YOU**

## *CONFESS AND MEDITATE ON THESE TRUTHS*

### *What We Have by Discerning the Blood of Jesus*

#### **Acts 20:28 – Jesus Purchased Me with His Blood**

- Act 20:28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which **He purchased with His own blood**.

#### **Rom 3:23-24 – I Am Justified (= Declared innocent)**

- Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- Rom 3:24 being **justified** freely by His grace through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus

#### **Rom 3:25 – I have Propitiation – Delivered from wrath – by His blood**

- Rom 3:25 whom God set forth **as a propitiation by His blood, through faith**, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

#### **Rom 5:9 – Delivered from wrath**

- Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- Rom 5:9 Much more then, having now **been justified** by His blood, we shall be **saved from wrath** through Him.

#### **Rom 5:1 – Righteousness**

- **Rom 5:1** Therefore, having **been justified by faith**, *we have peace* with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- Rom 5:2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and **rejoice in hope of the glory of God**.

#### **Acts 10:43 – Remissions of sins**

- Act 10:43 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him **will receive remission of sins**."

#### **Eph 1:8 – Forgiveness of sins**

- Eph 1:7 In Him we have **redemption** through His blood, the **forgiveness** of sins, according to the riches of His grace
- Eph 1:8 which He made **to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence**,

#### **Eph 2:13 – Made near God**

- Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been **brought near by the blood of Christ**.
- Eph 2:14 For He Himself is **our peace**, who has made both one, and has **broken down the middle wall of separation**,

#### **Heb 9:13-14 – Our conscience are cleansed – change our self-awareness**

- Heb 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh,
- Heb 9:14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, **cleanse your conscience from dead works** to serve the living God?

#### **Heb 10:19-22 – Access to the Holy of Holies**

- Heb 10:19 Therefore, brethren, **having boldness to enter the Holiest** by the blood of Jesus,
- Heb 10:20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,
- Heb 10:21 and *having* a High Priest over the house of God,
- Heb 10:22 let us **draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

#### **Heb 13:12-13 – Sanctified – set apart**

- Heb 13:12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might **sanctify the people** with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.
- Heb 13:13 Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

#### **Col 1:20 – Make peace with God**

- Col 1:20 and by Him to **reconcile** all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having **made peace through** the blood of His cross.

#### **2Co 1:20 – Qualified for all the promises**

- 2Co 1:20 For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

### *What We Have by Discerning the Body of Jesus*

#### **Rom 12:4 – Member of His body**

- Rom 12:4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,
- Rom 12:5 so **we, being many, are one body in Christ**, and individually members of one another.
- Rom 12:6 **Having then gifts** differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith;
- Rom 12:7 or ministry, *let us use it* in *our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;
- Rom 12:8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

#### **Rom 7:4-6 – I am dead to the law**

- Rom 7:4 Therefore, my brethren, you also **have become dead to the law** through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should **bear fruit to God**.
- Rom 7:5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.
- Rom 7:6 But now we have been **delivered from the law**, having died to what we were held by, so that we **should serve in the newness of the Spirit** and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

#### **Col 1:21-22 – Reconciled, holy, blameless and above reproach**

- Col 1:21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now **He has reconciled**
- Col 1:22 in the body of His flesh through death, to **present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight**—

#### **Gal 3:13 – Delivered from the curse of the law – because He suffered the curse in His body**

- Gal 3:13 Christ has **redeemed us from the curse of the law**, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"),

**1Pet 2:24 – We are healed today**

- 1Pe 2:24 who Himself **bore our sins in His own body** on the tree, that we, having died to sins, **might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.**
- Isa 53:5 But He *was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities*; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And **by His stripes we are healed.**