

Resurrection

A survey of Biblical teaching about Jesus'
resurrection

Resurrection in the Gospels

Resurrection Sunday

5 Themes

1. Resurrection is a bodily reality
2. Jesus was resurrected first (firstfruit); we will follow later
3. Judgement of all men is connected with the return of Jesus and our resurrection
4. Jesus' resurrection establishes his lordship and hence divinity
5. Resurrection is used as a metaphor for our converted life

Prelude to Sunday

- Jesus hastily buried on Friday before sunset, Matthew 27:57-60; Mark 15:42-46; Luke 24:50-54
 - Jesus is wrapped in a linen shroud, Matthew 27:59
 - Body prepared with 75 lbs. of myrrh and aloes, John 19:39
 - Placed in new tomb belonging to Joseph of Arimathea
 - Tomb is sealed with a great stone, Matthew 27:60
 - Mary Magdalene and Galilean women observe the location, planning to later return to finish preparing the body, Mark 15:47; Luke 24:55-56
 - Roman guards placed by Jews, Matthew 27:62-66

Resurrection Sunday Events

- Mary and others rise before dawn (John 20:1)
- Arrive at the tomb at dawn, Luke 24:1
 - Purpose is to complete preparation for burial
 - The women express worry about moving the stone, Mark 16:3
- Earthquake before they arrive at tomb, Matthew 28:2
 - Angel moves the stone and sits on it
 - Jesus leaves the tomb
 - Guards flee to Jerusalem in fear, Matthew 28:4, 11-15

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- Mary and others discover
 - Stone rolled away, tomb is open, Luke 24:2
 - Two angels are present, Luke 24:4
 - One of the angels tells them Jesus is risen, Matthew 28:7
 - The women examine the tomb and find it empty, Matthew 28:5-6; Luke 24:3
 - The women instructed to tell the disciples that Jesus is risen, Matthew 28:7
 - In fear and joy, the women tell Peter and John, Matthew 28:8; Mark 16:7; John 20:1-2

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- Peter and John run to the tomb, John 20:3-10
 - Peter enters first and finds it empty save for the shroud and face cloth neatly folded
 - John enters
 - The two men return home

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- Mary remains at the tomb weeping outside, John 20:11
 - As she turns away, Jesus appears to her (though she did not recognize him), John 20:14-15 (Mark indicates this is the first appearance, Mark 16:9)
 - When he calls her by name, she knows it is Jesus, John 20:16
 - She clings to him, John 20:17
- Jesus appears to the other women as they are headed to the disciples, Matthew 28:9
- They take hold of his feet and worship

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- Mary reports having seen Jesus to the disciples, John 20:18
- Mary's report is not believed, Mark 16:11

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- Later in the day, Jesus travels with two men to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-27
 - Jesus eats with the two men and then leaves, Luke 24:28-32

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- At some point (before or after meeting the two men) Jesus appears to Peter, Luke 24:34; I Corinthians 15:5

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- The two men return to Jerusalem to find the apostles and others, Luke 24:33
- Later that evening, Jesus appears to the two men and 10 apostles, Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-23
 - Jesus eats with them, Luke 24:48
 - Jesus reiterates that he was meant to die and be raised