

He Is Risen!

The Death, Burial & Resurrection of Christ

John 19:28 - 20:31

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John 19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" 29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. 30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

● *Everything God the Father had sent Jesus to do has now been completed. Our Lord finished His mission. But now, as His Spirit was enforcing the results of His sacrifice in both Heaven and Hell, His disciples were having to deal with burying His physical body.*

Now that Jesus had been crucified, He had to be buried before sundown!

- **John 19:31** Therefore, because it was **the Preparation Day**, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (**for that Sabbath was a high day**), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

Breaking the legs of those who had been crucified would keep them from being able to lift themselves up to draw a breath, and so they would die more quickly.

But Jesus was already dead.

- **John 19:32** Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, **they did not break His legs.** 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately **blood and water came out.** 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

Why were these details so important to John?

“The Spirit, the water and the blood.”

1 John 5:6-8 This is He who came by **water and blood**—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but **by water and blood**. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because **the Spirit is truth**. 7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: **the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit**; and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness on earth: **the Spirit, the water, and the blood**; and these three agree as one.

It may be that John sees the water flowing from Christ's side as representing new life, while the blood flowing represents Christ's death to take away our sins, and the Spirit, which is truth, verifies that all of this actually happened.

Regardless, “These things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled.”

John 19:36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, “Not one of His bones shall be broken.” 37 And again another Scripture says, “They shall look on Him whom they pierced.”

Psa. 34:20 He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken.

God validated the sacrifice of His Son by telling us all the gruesome details of His death, long before any of them ever happened.

The prophecies of Jesus' death are gruesome.

Psalms 22:16b-18 ...They pierced My hands and My feet; 17 I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. 18 They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

Is. 52:14-15...So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; 15 So shall He sprinkle many nations.

Heb. 9:22b...without shedding of blood there is no remission.

Jesus would have died more quickly than the others because of major loss of blood due to His body being lacerated with whips, beaten with rods and possibly even stoned.

Stoning was the penalty for blasphemy.

Matt 26:63b Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!” 64 Jesus said to him, “It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.” 65 Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, “**He has spoken blasphemy!** What further need do we have of witnesses? ...

Lev. 24:16 And whoever blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall certainly stone him...

It is likely that some in the crowd pelted Jesus with stones as He died, causing major cuts and rapid loss of blood.

Joseph of Arimathea was a wealthy, though secret, disciple.

John 19:38 After this, Joseph of Arimathea, **being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews,** asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus.

● **As we will see, Joseph's act of kindness was also the fulfillment of another Old Testament prophecy.**

What "good works" are you supposed to be doing, but the fear of what others might think is holding you back?

Nicodemus was also a secret believer who became a generous supporter.

John 19:39 And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by **night**, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. 40 Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.

- **Nicodemus almost waited too long to show his love and care for Jesus. But he did finally show up in time to be helpful.**

What “good works” are you supposed to be doing that you have been procrastinating on?

A tomb among the wealthy.

- **John 19:41** Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. 42 So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' **Preparation Day**, for the tomb was nearby.
- **This too fulfilled an Old Testament prophecy.**
- **Is. 52:9** And they made His grave with the wicked— But **with the rich** at His death, (This was Joseph's own tomb. See Matt. 27:59).
- **John 19:31** Therefore, because it was the **Preparation Day**, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (**for that Sabbath was a high day**)...

What is the significance of John's comment that this Day of Preparation was for a Sabbath that was a "high day?"

John's comment may resolve the riddle of just how many days Jesus was actually in the tomb.

Matt. 12:38-40 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." 39 But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 **for as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**

This sign of Jesus being the Messiah is not fulfilled by our traditional timing of His death, burial and resurrection.

if Jesus was crucified on a Friday, He would have to be in the grave until *Monday* morning.

		DAY 1		DAY 2		DAY 3	
THU	THU	FRI	FRI	SAT	SAT	SUN	SUN
starts at sundown on Wed.	ends at sundown	starts at sundown on Thu.	ends at sundown	starts at sundown on Fri.	ends at sundown	starts at sundown on Sat.	ends at sundown
Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day
		Crucifixion		Sabbath		He rose	

If the Day of Preparation was on a Friday, the timing doesn't add up to 3 days. It is just "parts of 3 days," which seems odd.

This riddle may be resolved by God's Word without any need to "fudge on the numbers."

- **Lev. 23:3** "Six days shall work be done, but **the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it;** it is the Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.
- **Lev. 23:4** "These are the feasts of the LORD, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times. **5 On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the LORD'S Passover. 6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread** to the LORD; seven days you must eat unleavened bread. **7 On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it."**

This tells us there were TWO Sabbaths during Christ's Passion!

Then the sign of Jonah is fulfilled!

		Day 1		Day 2		Day 3	
14th of Nisan		15th of Nisan		16th of Nisan		17th of Nisan	
THU	THU	FRI	FRI	SAT	SAT	SUN	SUN
starts at sundown on Wed.	ends at sundown	starts at sundown on Thu.	ends at sundown	starts at sundown on Fri.	ends at sundown	starts at sundown on Sat.	ends at sundown
Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day
Passover/ Crucifixion	High Day Sabbath		Sabbath		He rose		

This “Day of Preparation” on the Thursday was for 2 Sabbaths.

Mary Magdalene arrived Sunday at dawn.

- **John 20:1** Now the first day of the week **Mary Magdalene** went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.”
- **This particular Sunday would have been the day of “First Fruits.”**
- **Lev. 23:10** “... ‘you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest. ... on **the day after the Sabbath**...”
- **1Cor. 15:20** But now **Christ is risen** from the dead, and **has become the firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep.

Mary Magdalene was an eye witness to the fulfillment of this “type.”

A tag-team investigation begins.

- **John 20:3** Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. 4 So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. 5 And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in.
- **Peter and John are examples of the different ways people respond to what God is doing in their lives.**

John is faster at running but slower at entering like a person who attends church often but holds back from entering in to the body-life of the church.

The dawning of faith in John's heart.

- **John 20:6-10** Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and **he saw and believed**. 9 For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

Peter is slower at running but faster at entering.

John is slower at entering but faster at believing.

The angels are gentle and kind to Mary.

- **John 20:11** But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. 13 Then they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.”

The angels are giving Mary time to understand what has happened without pushing her into a state of shock.

The Truth was just too bright to see.

John 20:14 Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which is to say, Teacher).

● **As Mary’s spiritual eyes adjusted to the light she saw Jesus.**

● **Our Lord chose “the least” of His disciples for this honor.**

Jesus body had been restored so that only the piercing of His hands and side remained as visible evidence of His sacrifice.

Who was Mary Magdalene?

Luke 7:46 Simon... You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. 47 Therefore I say to you, **her sins, which are many, are forgiven**, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.” 48 Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ... 50 Then He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

Luke 8:1 Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him, 2 and certain **women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons...**

Mary Magdalene was saved out of a life of sin and demon possession, so Jesus chose her for the honor of being the first to see Him risen.

Mary tried to hold on a bit too long.

John 20:17 Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’”¹⁸ Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

● **At some point Jesus entered the heavenly temple to offer His blood.**

Heb. 9:24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;

As Mary walked back to the disciples, she was walking out of the darkness of her fears and doubts and into the marvelous light of faith in Christ's glorious resurrection.

The 1st ten disciples see & believe.

John 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.” 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

The disciples believed that Jesus had been raised from the dead when He appeared suddenly to them without entering and they saw the wounds from His piercing.

“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

John 20:21 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

- **The apostles received an initial version of the Great Commission.**
- **They also received an initial portion of the Holy Spirit.**
- **In addition, they were commissioned to represent Christ in forgiving or retaining sins as needed to protect the church from corruption.**
- **What happened on the Day of Pentecost was a “baptism in the Holy Spirit” when the Spirit was “poured out on all flesh” of the church**

Today, we receive the Holy Spirit at our new birth and then continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit over and over again as we ask in faith.

“Doubting Thomas” was the 11th disciple.

John 20:24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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.”

- **Thomas was being cautious. Gullibility is not a virtue. His fellow apostles could be deluded by their grief.**
- **In his mind it would be foolish to believe Jesus was risen from the dead without being an eye witness.**

That is what Thomas himself was about to become!

Jesus was kind & patient with Thomas.

John 20:26 And after eight days [i.e. on the following Sunday] 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!” 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.” 28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” 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.”

Jesus is referring here to those of us who will have to believe in Him without getting to actually see Him risen from the dead.

Through men like Thomas and John, God has provided all the evidence we need to believe.

- **John 20:30-31** And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 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.

Believing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, is based upon an historically credible record that God raised Jesus bodily from the dead after three days in the tomb.

This is the gospel that saves us.

1Cor. 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also **you received** and **in which you stand**,
2 by which also you are saved, if you **hold fast that word** which I preached to you—**unless you believed in vain.**

1Cor. 15:3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

Believing this gospel includes believing that Christ fulfilled all the Old Testament prophecies.

It was all “according to the Scriptures.”

By believing this good news we are rescued from the Fall in every way for all of time and eternity.

Rom. 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who **believes**, ...

Rom. 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and **believe in your heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Eph. 2:8-9 For by grace you have been **saved through faith**, and that **not of yourselves; it is the gift of God**, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Believing that Jesus bodily rose from the dead opens the flood gates of salvation from which every other blessing flows.