

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

John 20 and Other Passages

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- The resurrection of Jesus is a historical event.
- It is the event that changes everything.
- It is a personal encounter between Jesus and His disciples.
- And it is still relevant for us today.

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- The resurrection was foretold in advance by the prophets.

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- Psalm 16:9-10

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

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- On Pentecost, in **Acts 2:25-31**, after the Holy Spirit came upon the church, Peter pointed out this passage.

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- Acts 2:25-31

25 For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope...

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- Acts 2:25-31

*... 27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.*

*28 You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your
presence” ...*

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- Acts 2:25-31

... 29 Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, 31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.

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- Psalm 22 is a chapter normally and correctly connected with the crucifixion.
- Yet within it, there are hints of something more.

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- It begins with the words Jesus quoted from the cross
- Psalm 22:1

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

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- And in the first part of the psalm, there are a few more references to the crucifixion.
- But beginning in v.21 something changes.
- Let's read from there to the end of the psalm.

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- In **Hosea 6:1-2** there is a puzzling bit of text. It is hard to know what this meant in the prophet's day.
- On the other hand, as Christians, we can easily see this looking ahead to Jesus.

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- **Hosea 6:1-2**

1 “Come, let us return to the Lord;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

2 After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

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Sometimes, the prophets provided more insight into spiritual matters than they could've realized. Though Hosea was saying this to Israel, it is supremely true of Jesus Christ, whom God "raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." (1 Cor 15:4).

– Tony Evans, pastor, author



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Hosea prayed this full of confidence in God's love and power to restore. In the prayer, there is a shadowy prophecy of Jesus' resurrection on the third day ...

– David Guzik, Calvary Chapel Pastor and Bible Teacher



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...The context supports this wonderfully; on the cross Jesus was torn and stricken for our sake, yet He was also gloriously raised up on the third day.

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- Mary Magdalene is first.
- At her word Peter and (likely) John follow.
- They find cloths – clues that this wasn't a grave robbery.
- The resurrection left evidence that provoked thought and demanded a response.

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2. Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene John 20:11-18

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- Jesus simply says “Mary”, and in that moment she knows it’s Him.
- Jesus tells her not to cling to Him because He hasn’t yet ascended and sends her to tell the disciples.
- The risen Jesus calls us by name.
- Resurrection leads to a personal encounter and a personal mission.

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3. Jesus Appears to the Disciples John 20:19-23

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- When the disciples are behind locked doors, Jesus suddenly appears and says, “Peace be with you.”
- He shows them His hands and side.
- He breathes on them, saying “Receive the Holy Spirit.”
- **Jesus meets His followers in fear and gives peace, His presence, and equips them for further ministry.**

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- A week later, Jesus appears again and invites Thomas to touch Him.
- Thomas responds, “My Lord and my God!”
- Jesus says, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

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- The resurrection invites honest doubt – but it also leads to deep worship and saving faith.

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- John concludes by saying Jesus did many other signs.
- He only wrote some of them, but with a goal that we might believe, and as a result have life in His name.
- The resurrection is not the end of the story – it's our invitation to life.

Life in His Name

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- John 20:31

... that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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- *Dear Lord Jesus,*
- *I know that I am a sinner and that I need Your forgiveness.*
- *I believe that You showed your love for me by dying for my sins when You died on the cross.*
- *I believe You rose from the dead.*
- *I want to turn away from my sins and follow You.*

A Prayer Expressing Faith in Christ

- *I believe that you are the Christ the Son of God, and I desire that life in Your Name that John spoke of.*
- *I invite You to take charge of me. I trust You as My Savior and respect You as my Lord.*
- *Please fill me with your Spirit and help me to be your disciple.*
- *Thank You Lord, for hearing my prayer.*
- *Amen.*