

Resurrection Sunday 2026

Based on the **Writings of Luke**

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- Jesus really died.
- He didn't fake it. He didn't merely pass out.
- The sky went black, He breathed His last, and a Roman centurion declared, "Certainly this man was innocent."

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- A respected leader took His body and laid it in a tomb while the women watched.
- There was no mistake, no escape.
- The curtain of the temple was torn in two, signifying that on the cross Jesus fully paid for our sins.

2. The Tomb Is Empty

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- The tomb is empty—He is risen!
- The women found the stone rolled away.
- They heard the angels declare, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”

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- The resurrection is not a myth or wishful thinking.
- It is God's undeniable historical sign that death has been defeated.

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- Jesus opens our eyes to the Scriptures.
- On the road to Emmaus, He explained the Scriptures to them beginning with Moses.
- They all pointed to His suffering and resurrection.
- As He spoke to them, He caused the disciples hearts to burn within them.

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- The risen Christ still walks with us in our doubt and confusion.
- He reveals to us that the whole Bible is ultimately about Him.
- He is the main character.

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- Jesus is alive with tangible proof and a clear mission.
- He showed the disciples His hands and feet, ate fish in front of them.
- Again, He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

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- Then He commissioned them as His witnesses, promising the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Now He commissions us.
- With His authority, We can proclaim repentance and forgiveness to all nations.

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- Jesus will return. We have that promise.
- As the disciples watched, Jesus was taken up into heaven, and two angels, appearing like men, declared,
- “This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”

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Acts 1:6-11

- Our King is coming back in glory—His resurrection and ascension are the necessary buildup to His return.

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 5. Jesus will return in glory.

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- Because Jesus lives, your future is secure no matter what “Friday” you are walking through right now.
- If you have submitted your life to Christ, the same power is at work in you today.
- That is the power that raised Christ from the dead

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- Because He lives and is coming back, nothing can separate us from His love.
- Let's read **Romans 8:31-39**

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- **Romans 8:31-39** declares, “If God is for us, who can be against us?... [nothing] will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- This is our living hope—resurrection hope.
- Let’s go tell the world that Jesus died, rose, and is coming again!

A Prayer Expressing Faith in Christ

- *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.*

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- *I invite You to take charge of my life. I trust You as My Savior and respect You as my Lord.*
- *Please fill me with your Holy Spirit and help me to be your disciple.*
- *Thank You Lord, for hearing my prayer.*
- *Amen.*