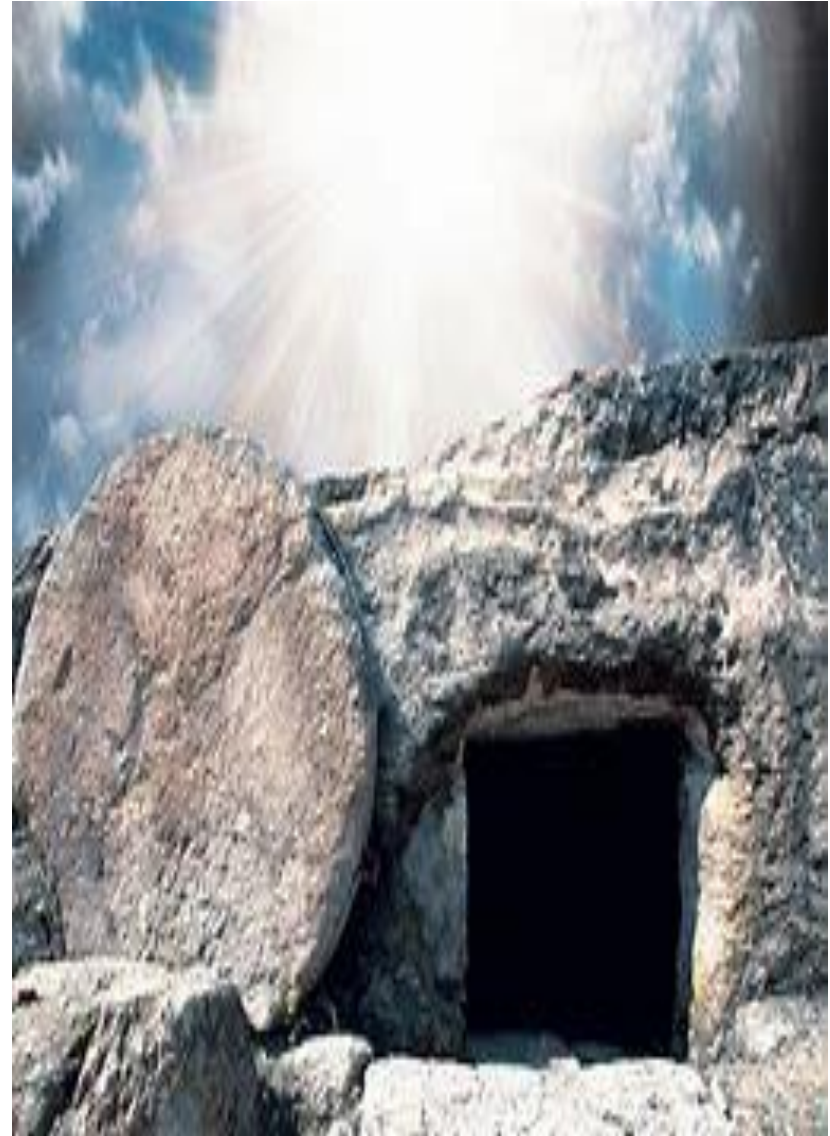
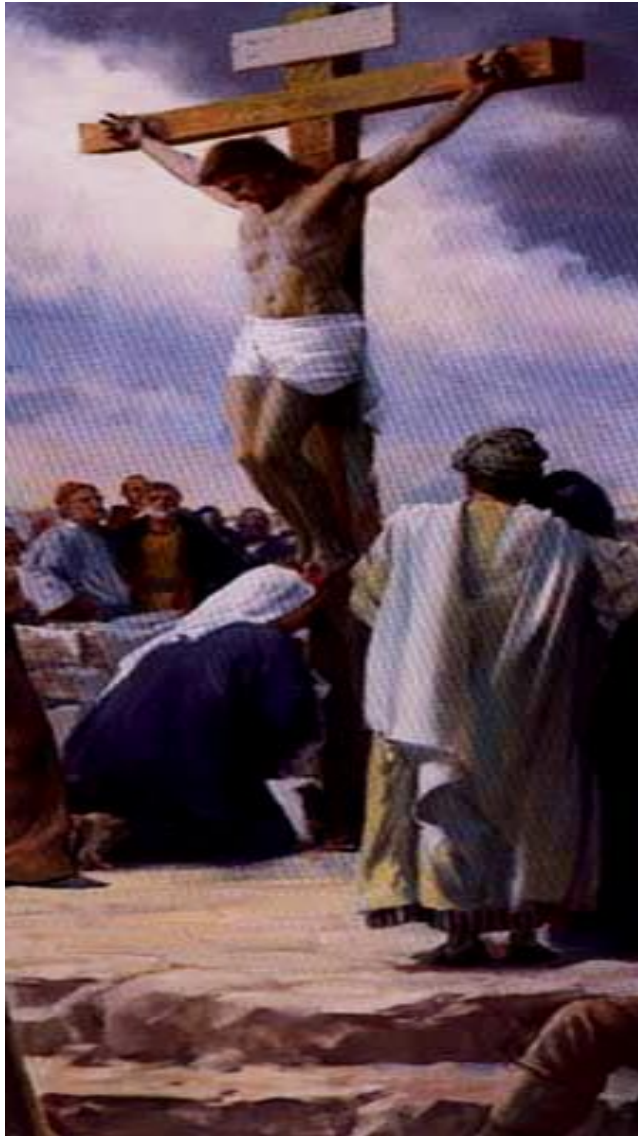


But God Raised Him Up Again !



The Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the Gospel



God's plan from eternity past

The climatic event in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

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The resurrection of Christ was God's plan from eternity past



Hebrews 13:20

Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord.

- This Divine agreement is called the eternal covenant
- Between God the Father [God of peace] and God the Son [great Shepherd of the sheep] in eternity past
- Christ agreed to shed His blood
- God the Father agreed to bring Him out from among the dead [this is an event that is stated as a fact]

The resurrection of Christ is the climatic event in Matthew, Mark and Luke



Matthew 28:5-7:

⁵ The **angel** said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified.

⁶ He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.

⁷ Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you.”

The resurrection of Christ is the climatic event In Matthew Mark and Luke



Mark 16:4-7:

- ⁴ Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large.
- ⁵ Entering the tomb, they saw **a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe**; and they were amazed.
- ⁶ And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, *here is* the place where they laid Him.”
- ⁷ "But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.'"



Luke 24:1-7:

² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, **two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing**;

⁵ and as *the women* were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, *the men* said to them, “Why do you seek the living One among the dead?”

⁶ "He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee,

⁷ saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

The resurrection of Christ is the critical point in the preaching of Peter



Acts 10:39-42

39a "We [including Peter] are witnesses of all the things He [Jesus] did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

39b They also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross.

40 "God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible,

41a not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God,

41b *that is*, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

42 "And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One [Jesus] who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.

The resurrection of Christ is the critical point in the preaching of Paul



Acts 13:28-34

²⁸ And though they found no ground for *putting Him to* death, they asked Pilate that He be executed.

²⁹ When they had carried out all that was written concerning Him [Jesus], they took Him down from the cross and laid Him in a tomb.

³⁰ But God raised Him from the dead;

³¹ and for many days He appeared to those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, the very ones who are now His witnesses to the people.

³² And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers,

^{33a} that God has fulfilled this *promise* to our children in that He raised up Jesus ---.

The resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the Gospel message



1 Cor 15:1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

- Let me remind you of the Gospel, which I proclaimed to you, which you welcomed and accepted upon which your faith rests. Amplified
- Christ died for our sins (on behalf of our sins) – as our substitute.
- Christ was buried - you only bury a dead man.
- Christ was raised - God raised Him up again, --- since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. Acts 2:24

The Importance of the Gospel



- The resurrection of Christ validated the gospel message
- Paul says: I am eager to preach the gospel
- Paul says: The gospel is the power of God unto salvation
- Paul says: The gospel is to everyone who believes
- Paul says: The origin of the gospel is not from men but
from Christ
- Paul says: In the gospel the righteousness of God is
revealed



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- **unto** - *eis* – this is the direction of God’s power
- The direction of God’s power is in the salvation of men past, present and future Merryman
- The gospel is **God’s words** given to Paul “through a revelation of Jesus Christ” Gal 1:12
- Power is contained in God’s Word [the gospel]
- Acts 11:13b Have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here; ¹⁴ and he will speak “**words**” to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household. Isa 55:11
- Anyone who believes “the gospel” is going to be included in salvation. Merryman

Paul says: The origin of the gospel is not from men
but from Christ



- Gal 1:11 For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.
- Gal 1:12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.
- Gal 1:8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!
- It is the good news of salvation energized by the Holy Spirit.

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Paul says-In the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed 

Man's view vs. God's view of righteousness is totally different:*

- Man thinks that his righteousness is a lesser form of God's righteousness
- Man thinks righteousness is relative [to other men]
- But God's righteousness is absolute

God's righteousness:*

- All are guilty - none are righteous Rom 3:10
- No degree of righteousness
- When it comes to salvation it is all of God and nothing of man – look at 1 Cor 15:3-4
- You cannot mix human works with God's salvation
- We are all under sin Rom 3:9 * Merryman

What can we learn from two thieves on the Cross



Matthew 27:38-44

³⁸ At that time two **robbers** were crucified with Him [Christ], one on the right and one on the left.

^{39a} And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, --- If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking *Him* and saying,

⁴² "He saved others; He cannot save Himself.--- let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him.

⁴³ "He trusts in God; let God rescue *Him* now, If he delights in Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

⁴⁴ The **robbers** who had been crucified with Him were also insulting Him with the same words.

What can we learn from two thieves on the Cross



Luke 23:33-43

^{33a} When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and **the criminals**,

³⁹ **One of the criminals** who were hanged *there* was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But **the other answered**, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

⁴¹ "And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² And **he was saying**, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!"

⁴³ And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

What the “other criminal” realized about himself:



- Now I do fear God
- I'm under the sentence of condemnation
- I am suffering justly
- I am receiving what I deserve

What both criminals heard about Jesus

- You are the Son of God
- He saved others
- He trusted in God
- You are the Christ [Messiah]

Then “other criminal” responded

- Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom

Final thoughts



What are we to realize about ourselves?

What are we to believe about Jesus Christ?

I. As we have learned from Romans 3

- All mankind is under sin - its reign, power and penalty
- This has resulted in mankind being sinful in following ways:
- His character – none righteous, none who seek God, etc.
- His speech – throat is open grave, tongue deceiving, etc.
- His conduct – feet swift to shed blood, etc.
- Resulting in no fear of God before man's eyes

Final thoughts



- II. But the gospel [the good news] given to Paul by Christ is:
- That the God/man, Jesus Christ, died on behalf of our sins and was buried like all dead men, but according to the eternal covenant, was raised up on the third day and was seen by over 500 people and was touched by several.
 - It is the power of God unto the salvation of men.
 - The power is contained in God's word.
 - Anyone who believes the gospel will be saved.

Final thoughts



III. As the “**other criminal**” did on the cross next to Christ, to be saved:

- Trust in Christ’s death, burial and resurrection as described in the gospel.
- This is God’s plan for men to receive the gift of eternal life.
- [All] are justified and made upright and in right standing with God, freely and gratuitously by His grace (His unmerited favor and mercy), through the redemption which is [provided] in Christ Jesus, Rom 3:24 Amplified