

Resurrection Sunday

The Door the Creator opened by His Love

Today hundreds of millions in the world are bring to remembrance a man and what He did. That man is Jesus. I say a man, as because many gloss over the depth of what really occurred. Think of this, many children of believing parents see easter as colored eggs, bunnies, candy...they literally have nothing to do with what we should actually be putting in remembrance. It is the acts of one man, our Messiah who's father is God, that became our Christ, died for us to pay the price for your sin, my sin, and opened the door to eternal life for you and me. He is the center of attention today, our God is the center of attention today – Let's share communion:

Communion –

- 1Co 10:15-17 I speak as to wise men; judge for yourselves what I say. (16) The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? (17) For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Our celebration today is unique in the world! Not just a man like a Lincoln, MLK...not just a day like thanksgiving... But today is a day brought to remembrance that literally culminated out of the plan, the Word, and the actions of God, the creator of all we know and exist in. This Jesus we celebrate as resurrected today is the greatest gift our creator has ever given you or I, the gift of an open door, out of sin and judgement into eternal life. He opened it, but it is a choice of each person once they hear about this Good News whether they enter through it.

What we celebrate is not just an incident regarding one man, Jesus, but it is from God, the creator that has driven everything.

Let's let the scriptures tell the story. They don't need a lot of narrative from me or anybody to share the depth of what we celebrate today.

- Isa 45:5-8 I am the LORD, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me, (6) That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting That there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; (7) I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the LORD, do all these things.' (8) "Rain down, you heavens, from above, And let the skies pour down righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, And let righteousness spring up together. I, the LORD, have created it.
- Isa 45:20-22 "Assemble yourselves and come; Draw near together, You who have escaped from the nations. They have no knowledge, Who carry the wood of their carved

image, And pray to a god that cannot save. (21) Tell and bring forth your case; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, A just God and a Savior; There is none besides Me. (22) "Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

- Joh 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was in the beginning with God. (3) All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.
- Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
- Col 2:9-10 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; (10) and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

Our God foretold of what would happen

- Shared what was going to occur hundreds of years earlier
 - • A friend would betray Him (Psalms 41:9; John 13:18-30).
 - • The price for His betrayal would be 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12; Matthew 26:15).
 - • The 30 pieces of silver would buy a potter's field (Zechariah 11:13; Matthew 27:3-10).
 - • Wicked people would pierce His hands and feet (Psalms 22:16; Luke 23:33; Luke 24:38-40).
 - • He would suffer execution but without the breaking of any of His bones (Psalms 34:20; John 19:33-36).
 - • Others would cast lots for His garments (Psalms 22:18; John 19:23-24).
 - • He would be buried with the wealthy (Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-60).
 - • God would resurrect Him from the grave (Psalms 16:10; Acts 2:30-32).
- Isaiah 53: "But He was wounded and crushed for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace. He was whipped, and we were healed! All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on Him the guilt and sins of us all. From prison and trial they led Him away to His death. But who among the people realized that He was dying for their sins – that He was suffering their punishment? I will give Him the honors of One who is mighty and great, because He exposed Himself to death. He was counted among those who were sinners. He bore the sins of many and interceded for sinners." (Isaiah 53:5-6, 8, 12)
 - Fulfillment by Christ – "He personally carried away our sins in His own body on the cross so we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. You have been healed by His wounds." (1 Peter 2:24)

- “I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me – that Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and He was raised from the dead on the third day, as the Scriptures said.” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

Jesus knew what He had to go through, and He still did it! He put the Love and Will of His Father and His Love for You and I before His Will and Wishes!

- Matthew 16: 21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

Think about Jesus knowing this but still going through with it

- Only His love for us could drive it
- Example of a father and son, son convicted and sentence to death
 - Joh 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.
- Joh 10:15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

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Resurrection

- What happened - Mar 16:1-13 Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. (2) Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. (3) And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" (4) But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large.
 - Mat 28:2-6 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. (3) His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. (4) And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.
- (5) And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. (6) But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. (7) But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." (8) So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. (9) Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons.

- Joh 20:16-17 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). (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.' "
- (10) She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. (11) And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. (12) After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. (13) And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either.
 - Luk 24:11-12 And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. (12) But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

Witnesses

- Seeing Jesus alive after his Crucifixion and entombment was no illusion. This was more like 911 and the towers – it left no doubt!
 - Jesus resurrection had hundreds of witnesses - 1Co 15:3-8 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, (5) and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. (6) After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. (7) After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. (8) Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.
- Those that saw Him and talked with Him – He was real/flesh/alive! Never to die again

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the Key to our faith and belief!

- 1Co 15:19-22 (19) If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. **(20) But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (21) For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. (22) For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.**
- What does it mean to you?
 - Some heard but did not believe - Thomas
 - Some heard, did not believe, but had to find out – Peter and John
 - Those that looked for Him, Found Him
 - Those that believe the witnesses and allow the H.S. to confirm are blessed
 - Joh 20:28-29 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."
 - Hope / Comfort – no matter how bad life can be..

- Life is but a vapor...
- – what I believe is for real and is the truth Satan does not want spread and acted on

Close: Php 3:10-11 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, (11) if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Col 2:9-15 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; (10) and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. (11) In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, (12) buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. (13) And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, (14) having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. (15) Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.