

April: Missions Encouragement Month



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1 Corinthians 15:3-4

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,

**All Scriptures from 1995 New American Standard*



Jesus' Path to the Cross



Resurrection Sunday



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➤ Words of Jesus given before
the cross:

Luke 18:31-34

³¹ Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things which are written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished.

Luke 18:31-34

³² For He will be handed over to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon,

³³ and after they have scourged Him, they will kill Him; and the third day He will rise again.”

Luke 18:31-34

³⁴ But the disciples understood none of these things, and *the meaning of* this statement was hidden from them, and they did not comprehend the things that were said.

John 16:33

³³ These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”



Morning: The Empty Tomb



Some who
came to the
empty tomb:

Mark 16:1-2

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him.

² Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.

John 20:2-8

² So 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.”

³ So Peter and the other disciple [John] went forth, and they were going to the tomb.

John 20:2-8


⁴ The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first;
⁵ and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying *there*; but he did not go in.

John 20:2-8


⁶ And so Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying *there*,
⁷ and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself.

John 20:2-8

⁸ So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed.



Through the Day: Personal Appearances



➤ Some who
Jesus
appeared to
during the
day:

Mark 16:9

⁹ Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons.

Matthew 28:9-10

⁹ And behold, Jesus met them [Mary Magdalene, Mary, and Salome] and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him.

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

Luke 24:34

³⁴ saying, “The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon.”

Luke 24:13-15

¹³ And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem.

¹⁴ And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place.

Luke 24:13-15

¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and *began* traveling with them.



Evening: The Gathered Disciples

John 20:19-21

¹⁹ So when it was evening on that day, the first *day* of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace *be* with you.”

John 20:19-21

²⁰ And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

John 20:19-21

²¹ So Jesus said to them again, “Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”



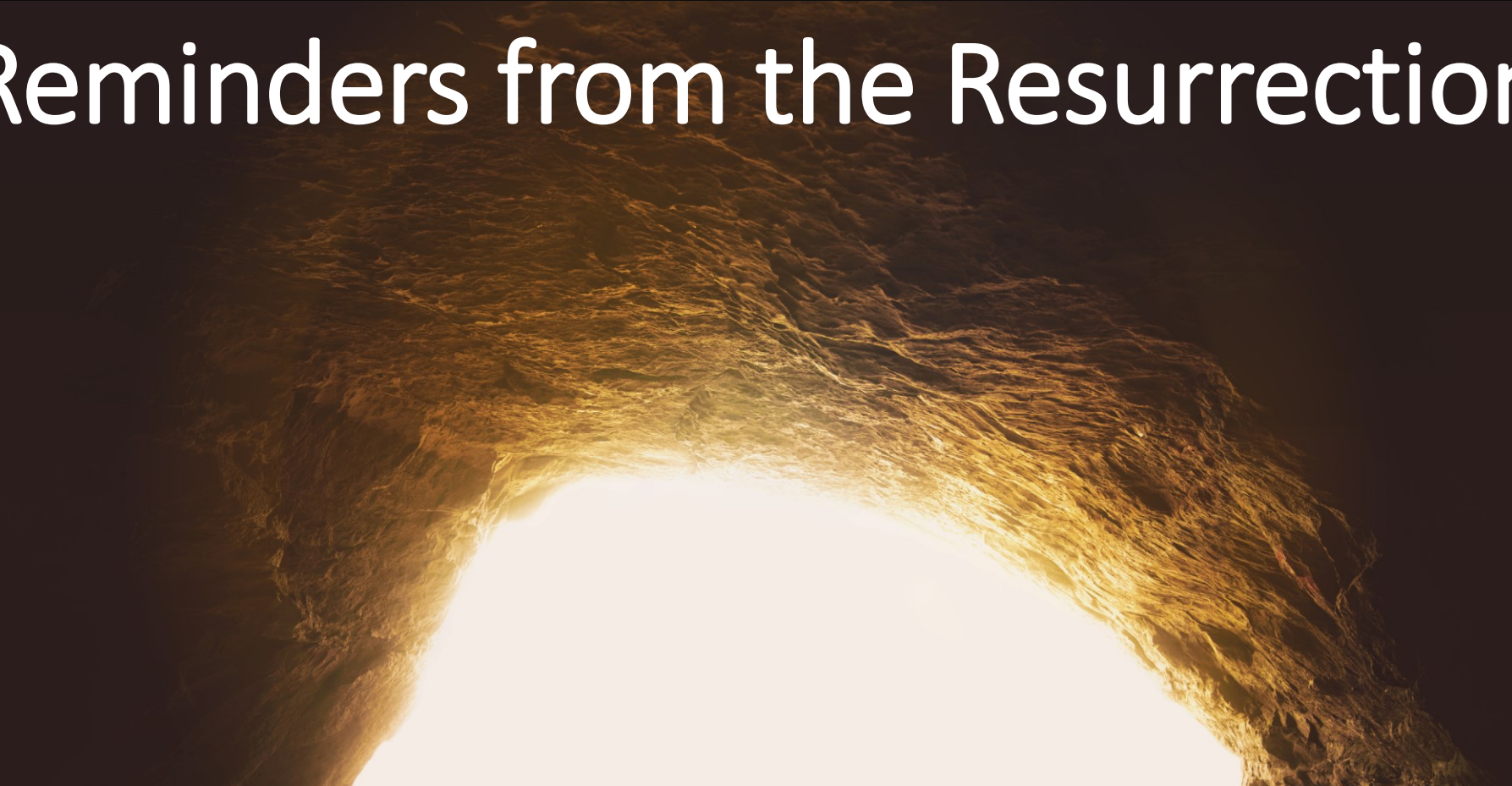
Notice their
change from
fear
to joy
and mission.

Acts 1:3

³ To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over *a period of* forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.

Reminders from the Resurrection

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The resurrection shows God's
amazing power
and love.

Romans 8:11

¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Reminders from the Resurrection

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The resurrection gives Christ's
followers:

Faith

John 20:8

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Reminders from the Resurrection

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The resurrection gives Christ's
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Joy

John 20:20

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Reminders from the Resurrection

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The resurrection gives Christ's
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Mission

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Christians live in the strength of
the resurrection!

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear

- Learn about Christ (Rom. 10:17)

Believe

- Believe in Christ (John 8:24)

Repent

- Commit to Follow Christ (Acts 2:38)

Confess

- Confess your faith (Romans 10:9-10)

Be Baptized

- Baptism into Christ (Acts 2:38, Rom 6:3-4)

James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.