

After the Cross - Friday

Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus take Jesus' body and wrap it in a clean linen cloth with spices, and lay it in a new tomb cut out of the rock, in a garden nearby. They roll a large stone over the door to the tomb.

Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses are also there and go away to get more spices ready.

Mt 27:57-61, Mk 15:42-47, Lk 23:50-56, Jn 19:38-42

The Chief Priests & Pharisees ask Pilate to seal the tomb and guard it with soldiers. He refuses and tells them to do it, which they do. So they broke their own law by doing this on their Sabbath and Passover day.

Mt 27:62-66

At sunrise the two Marys, Joanna and some other women went back to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. They wondered how they would roll the stone away. Mt 28:1, Mk 16:1-3, Lk 24:1, Jn 20:1

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. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. Mt 28:2-4

But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 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." Mk 16:5-6

And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!" Lk 24:4-6

"Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' "

And they remembered His words. Lk 24:6-8

"And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

Mt 28:7-8

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"Why do you seek the living among the dead?" $_{\rm Lk\,24:5b\,\,NKJV}$

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. Eph 1:19-20 NLT

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All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Eph 1:3 NLT

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Ro 10:9 NLT

Saved – Greek *sothese* – you shall continuously be being saved.

From Greek *sozo*. Hebrew *yasha*

Root of name Yeshua – He will save.

Declare Jesus is Lord over our situation:

If we are hemmed in - wide open spaces

If we are in bondage – freedom & liberty

If we are in danger – rescue, protection and preservation in safety

If we are in times of hardship and distress - Succour – means to give aid, assistance and support.

If we have been wronged - vengeance

If we are threatened – defence

If we are in trouble – deliverance

If we are facing defeat – victory

If we are in lack – prosperity

If we are sick – healing (woman with the flow of blood Mk 5:34)

If we are struggling – the ability to do well

If we are incomplete – wholeness.

Blessings move from the heavenly realms to the physical realm by our declaration. Cheque with two signatures

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