

# THE GOSPEL

## *THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS, PART 3*

*IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES*



- ☒ THAT CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS ...
- ☒ THAT HE WAS BURIED ...
- ☒ THAT HE WAS RAISED ON THE THIRD DAY ...
- ☒ THAT WE ACCEPT, BELIEVE AND LIVE OUR PART IN THIS AMAZING REALITY ...

**SECTION I:** THE HISTORICAL, VERIFIABLE ACCOUNT OF THE EVENTS OF THE THIRD DAY OF THE GOSPEL — THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, AS DOCUMENTED BY THE APOSTLE JOHN.

**SECTION II:** THE HISTORICAL, VERIFIABLE ACCOUNT OF THE HIGHLY PROFITABLE NATURE OF THE REALITY OF THE TRANSFORMATIVE EFFECT OF THE DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST IN THE EVERYDAY LIVES OF THOSE WHO HAVE BELIEVED IN HIM AS DOCUMENTED BY THE APOSTLE PAUL.

**SECTION I:** The Apostle John documents the events of the day of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

- (1 Corinthians 15:3–4 ESV) For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, **[PART 3] that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**1. Mary Magdalene and some other women came to the tomb and discovered that the dead body of Jesus was not there and reported this to Peter and John, 20:1-10.**

- (John 20:1 ESV) **Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early**, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, **“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb**, and we do not know where they have laid him.” 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw **and believed**; 9 **for as yet they did not understand the Scripture**, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes.

**A. In spite of their initial skepticism Peter and John ran to the tomb and discovered the women were correct.**

- (Luke 24:10 ESV) Now it was **Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women** with them who told these things to the apostles.

**B. John it seems had begun to believe but his belief did not yet have the strong affirmation of understanding these things from the Scriptures.**

**Lesson:** Our strongest, most affirming convictions of the truth of God come when that truth is grounded in the clearest, plainest statements of Scripture.

**2. Must ask ... Why did they not go to the tomb fully expecting Jesus to be gone?**

**A. Jesus had clearly and directly told them this was going to happen.**

- (Matthew 16:21 ESV) **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.**
- See also Matthew 17:23, 20:9.

**B. So why were they so surprised and confused to find the tomb empty that morning?**

**Lesson:** It is impossible to know and receive the good news of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ in a saving way except by the work of the Holy Spirit of God in a person’s life. We must not be so foolish to believe that we can persuade someone into believing in Jesus.

**Lesson:** As those approved by God we must accurately handle the word of truth regarding the gospel so that we communicate the clear, plain truth that saves.

- (2 Corinthians 2:17 ESV) **For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God’s word**, but **as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.**
- (2 Timothy 2:15 ESV) Do your best to **present yourself to God as one approved**, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly handling the word of truth.**

**3. Mary Magdalene stayed at the tomb and tried to find out where they had taken the body of Jesus, 20:11-18.**

- (John 20:11–18 ESV) **But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb**, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 They said to her, “Woman, **why are you weeping?**” She said to them, **“They have taken away my Lord**, and I do not know where they have laid him.” 14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, “Woman, **why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?**” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, **if you have carried him away**, tell me where you have laid

him, and I will take him away.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

#### A. Mary talked to two angels.

Mary was crying and stooped to look into the tomb and saw two angels. The angels questioned Mary as to why she was crying. She stated for the second time that “they” had taken away her Lord. (See 20:2 for first.)

#### B. Mary talked to Jesus.

She turned around, saw Jesus standing and he questioned her as to why she was crying. For the third time Mary spoke of Jesus having been taken away. Jesus called her by name and she recognized him.

- (John 10:27 ESV) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.
- (John 10:2–5 ESV) But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

#### C. Mary talked to the disciples.

### 4. That evening Jesus came and stood among the disciples, 20:19-23.

- (John 20:19–23 ESV) On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy

Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

#### A. Jesus spoke his peace to the frightened disciples.

- (John 14:27 ESV) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.
- (Romans 5:1 ESV) Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### B. He authenticated his bodily presence by his crucifixion wounds and the disciples were glad.

#### C. He spoke his peace to them again and sent them with his message of peace with God to the world.

#### D. He breathed on them to receive the Holy Spirit.

#### E. He authorized their message of forgiveness of sins through him.

**SECTION II:** The Apostle Paul provides a biblical account of the reality of the highly profitable, transformative effects of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ in the everyday lives of those who believe.

We will most profit from the power of the gospel—the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ—when we receive and believe the clear, plain teaching of Scripture. This will build in us a heightened awareness of the intended and sometimes overlooked effects of the gospel in our daily pursuit of godly living and our battle against sin and the old self.

### 1. In the infinitesimal space of time that a person believes in Christ, he or she is immersed into Christ by the Holy Spirit ... and would now be defined and identified in Scripture as “in Christ.”

- (1 Corinthians 12:13 ESV) For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.
- (Romans 8:1 ESV) There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus now have real effects in our lives. ... our dying and rising with Christ occur in this present life, at the time we become Christians. [Grudem, W. A. (2004). *Systematic theology: an introduction to biblical doctrine* (p. 842). Inter-Varsity Press; Zondervan Pub. House.]

2. For those who are ***in Christ***, the plain teaching of Scripture is that when Jesus died, was buried and raised on the third day ... so were we.

- (Romans 6:3–6 ESV) Do you not know that all of us who have been ***baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?*** 4 We were ***buried*** therefore with him by baptism into death, ***in order that, just as Christ was raised*** from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For ***if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection*** like his. 6 We know that ***our old self was crucified with him*** in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

3. We must understand that this is not speaking of water baptism or we will miss the point of the text.

- A. The word for baptize, or baptism, means to put into, to immerse, to identify with.
- B. Water baptism is a human work in which one person immerses another into water.

Water baptism is a human work that is blessed by God when it is properly represented according to Scripture—not as part of our salvation, but as a step of obedience by someone who is already a believer.

C. In Scripture water baptism is clearly set apart from baptism by the Spirit in action, intent and purpose.

D. The Apostle Paul distinguishes between water baptism and the preaching of the gospel.

- (1 Corinthians 1:17a ESV) For ***Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel*** ...

E. Water is present in water baptism.

- (Matthew 3:11 ESV) I ***baptize you with water*** ...but he who is coming after me ... ***will baptize you with the Holy Spirit*** and fire.
- (John 1:26a ESV) John answered them, “I ***baptize with water*** ...
- (Acts 1:5 ESV) For John ***baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit*** not many days from now.

F. Paul speaks of the children of Israel being baptized into Moses—clearly not speaking of water baptism.

- (1 Corinthians 10:1–2 ESV) ***For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses*** in the cloud and in the sea,

G. The baptism in Romans 6 is the spiritual work of God alone—no mention of water.

4. To understand the reality of and to fully benefit from our participation in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we must understand and accept the concept of Jesus being our representative head even as incomprehensible as this may seem to our human, finite minds.

A. Jesus Christ is our representative head in salvation as Adam is our representative head in damnation.

- (Romans 5:18–19 ESV) Therefore, ***as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.*** 19 For as by the ***one man's disobedience*** the many were made sinners, so ***by the one man's obedience*** the many will be made righteous.

This point is that there can be an ***assurance of justification and life***, on one side, that is ***just as strong and certain as the assurance of condemnation*** on the other. Paul wants to show, ***not how Christ has made available*** righteousness and life for all, ***but how Christ has secured*** the benefits of that righteousness for all who belong to him ... that Christ affects those who are his just as certainly as Adam does those who are his. [Moo, D. J. (1996). *The Epistle to the Romans* (p. 343). Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.]

B. By faith we share in the reality of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ and this is the foundation for the new chapter in our lives in that we are now dead to sin and alive to God.

- (2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV) Therefore, ***if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.***
- (John 3:3 ESV) Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, ***unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.***”