

The Resurrection:

The Triumph Of Jesus Over The Forces Of Darkness

Matthew 28:1

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, *Mary Magdalene and the other Mary* went to look at the tomb.

Mark 16:1

When the Sabbath was over, ***Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome*** bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

Luke 24:1

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, ***the women*** took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

John 20:1

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, ***Mary Magdalene*** went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

The resurrection was the belief that turned heart-broken followers of a crucified rabbi into courageous witnesses and martyrs of the early church. . . You could imprison them, flog them, kill them, but you could not make them deny their conviction that ‘on the third day he rose again.’

– *Michael Green,*
principal of St. John’s College, England



The Link Between Crucifixion And Resurrection

Matthew 28:4-6

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, **WHO WAS CRUCIFIED**. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Luke 24:6-7

"He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, 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 cross was the victory won,
and the resurrection was the victory
endorsed, proclaimed and demonstrated.

– ***John Stott***



Colossians 2:8-15

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the

circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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To strip someone of their clothes

Colossians 3:9-10

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have **put off the old self** with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

Colossians 2:15

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Colossians 1:16

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and **invisible**, whether thrones or dominions or **rulers** or **authorities**—all things were created through him and for him.

Ephesians 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the **rulers**, against the **authorities**, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

The enemy will never allow the spoil to be divided among the conquerors as long as he has any strength remaining. We may gather from our text of a surety, that Jesus Christ has totally routed, thoroughly defeated once for all, and put to retreat all his enemies, or else he would not have divided the spoil.

– Charles Spurgeon



1 John 3:8

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning.

The reason the Son of God appeared was to **destroy the works of the devil.**

Matthew 12:29

Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first **binds the strong man**? Then indeed he may plunder his house.

John 12:31-32

Now is the judgment of this world; now will **the ruler of this world be cast out**. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

Hebrews 2:14

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might **destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil**

Revelation 12:10

...the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who **accuses them day and night before our God.**

Colossians 2:13-14

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Christ has already exercised his authority over everything that is arrayed against you and your freedom is assured because of His victory. You are not a victim in this world of demonic forces. You are not a victim in this world of the alignment of the stars and planets.

You are not a victim in this world of fate and the outrageous claims of fortune, because Christ rules the world for the sake of His people. Because Christ is Lord, you are free. And if He is not Lord, you are not free. Christ and fellowship with Him brings fullness and forgiveness and freedom.

– J. Ligon Duncan

