

John 10:14-18 - The Shepherd who leads beyond the Grave

Intro - "The Week that change the World" to "The Event that Ensures Eternity" ...The Resurrection. That event is why we meet on SONdays. It is *the fact* that *our faith* is built upon. It declares that Jesus is the Son of God. It says His death is the only accepted payment for sin. It demonstrated Christ's ability to give life after death...eternity. If not happen...~~faith~~^{1 Cor. 15:17}. But facts don't produce faith. Those who hated Jesus most had all the fact but hardened in unbelief. Those who loved Him most doubted it first. That any sinner believes is a sign of Gods amazing grace^{Eph. 1:19-20}. The most provable event in history is the most rejected...but that event ensures eternity.

THURSDAY THE 14TH (3-6pm) (Passover is observed on the 14th - Ex. 12:6)

- Preparation day/next day special Sab.^{John 19:31}. The day after Passover is always a "Sabbath"^{Lev. 23:5-7}
- Priests ask Pilate to break legs. Thieves' legs broken. Jesus already dead
- Not break His bones^{John 19:36} Pierce side / Blood & Water
- Joe & Nic go to Pilate and ask for the Body. Pilate is surprised that He is already dead.
- Centurion confirms death. Body given to Joe & Nic
- Nic brought 100 lbs. of myrrh... wrapped Body in clean linen and spices
- Laid Body in Joe's nearby & new tomb cut out of rock^{Is. 53:9} rolled large stone
- Mary Mag, & Mary mother of Joses saw the tomb and how the body was placed there

FRIDAY THE 15TH (special Sabbath and the first day of Feast of Unleavened Bread - the Jews "Independence day" - out of Egypt)

- Women prepare spices
- Chief Priest remember Jesus speaking of His resurrection^{Matt. 27:62-63} (His enemies were listening)
- Go to Pilate. Asked & given guard for tomb. Tomb made secure & sealed.^{Matt. 27:65-66}

SATURDAY THE 16TH (the women rested on the weekly Sabbath - Luke 23:56)

SONDAY THE 17TH (the "first of the sabbaths" ... The very day that the Ark came to rest on Ararat - Gen. 8:4)

- Angel descends from heaven...earthquake...rolls stone away...sits...soldiers in shock.
- **While it was still dark**^{John 20:1} Mary Mag went to tomb...saw the stone rolled away...
- Mary Mag runs to tell Peter & John that they had taken the Lord...*I don't know where...*
- Peter & John run to tomb...John outruns & looks in ...sees the linen wrappings...
- Peter arrives and goes into tomb...sees wrappings and facecloth rolled up in place alone
- John enters & believes...but they still didn't understand the scriptures that He must...
- Each goes his own home (Mary, the mother of Jesus, was living in John home)
- (still dark) Mary Mag goes back to tomb....weeping....stoops and looks into tomb
- She sees two angels...one at head and foot..."*Why are you weeping?*"
- She answers "*Because they have taken away my Lord and I don't know where...*"
- She turns around and Jesus is standing there...but she thinks He is the gardener^(dark)
- "*Sir, if you have carried Him away tell me where you have laid Him...*"
- "*Mary*"^(John 10:3-4) "*Rabboni!*" "*Stop clinging to Me...go to My brethren...*"
- Mary M. announces to disciples "*I have seen the Lord!*" They didn't believe her.^{Mark 16:9-11}

- **At early dawn** other women come to tomb...enter tomb...2 angels...terrified & bow
- “Why do you seek the living among the dead?...Remember how He spoke...” Luke 24:5-8
- They remembered His words and reported these things to the eleven.
- Their words appeared as nonsense...would not believe Luke 24:10-11
- **As it began to dawn** the other Mary (and others) came to tomb
- An angel “don’t be afraid...He is not here...risen as He said...come see the place...”
- Left to report...Jesus met them on the way...took hold of His feet...worshipped...
- “Take word to My brethren...leave for Galilee...they will see Me there.”
- The soldiers had been in shock (like dead men)
 - They saw Mary M./ Peter & John/ Mary M again/ other women show
 - After discussion...got to do something...word is getting out...this is going viral
 - Go to chief priests...paid off to say they were asleep. Matt. 28:11-15
- **When the sun had risen** Mark 16:2 other women come to tomb. “who will roll stone away?”
- Entered tomb...angel on right...He is not here...risen...go tell disciples and Peter...

Four women are mentioned by name *Mary M., Mary mother of Joses, Salome, Joanna* ...plus others Several women were going in stages to tomb & to tell the disciples (waves of women). In the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses.... The disciples were amazed at the reports but refused to believe. (All four gospel writers mention Mary Mag because our Lord appeared to her first - Mark 16:9)

SONDAY THE 17TH - (Afternoon and evening)

- Two on road...talking about happenings...Jesus joined them...(kept from recognizing Him)
- Jesus questions them...they are surprised at His “ignorance” ...explain to Him...
- “Women gave amazing report...angels...” Jesus rebukes/instructs them - Luke 24:25-27
- Convinced Him to stay...recognized while breaking bread...vanished...hearts burned
- Returned to Jerusalem...“the Lord has really risen and appeared to Simon!”
- Jesus appears...they thought He was a ghost. Luke 24:38-48

MANY OTHER APPEARANCES OVER THE NEXT 40 DAYS

- Week later -^{Thomas} / Sea / Galilee/ small & large groups ⁽⁵⁰⁰⁾ / individuals / Jerusalem
- Summary - Acts 1:3 (1 Cor. 15:1-9)

APPLICATION OF THE RESURRECTION EVENT(S)

- The fact of the resurrection is all important...but facts don’t produce faith Luke 16:30-31
 - His enemies had all the facts but remained enemies.
 - His friends had all the facts & witnesses...but initially wouldn’t believe.
- It takes resurrection power to generate believing power Eph. 1:19-20
 - Thank God for the gift of faith! Eph. 2:8-9
- The Resurrection loudly declares that Jesus is the Son of God Romans 1:4
- Only Jesus can save and forgive sins. Only His work is acceptable to the Father.
- Jesus is the Only Shepherd who safely leads beyond the grave.
 - He is the Good Shepherd who laid down life and took it back again - John 10:18
 - Jesus conquered death...has key of death...endured eternal death... Rev. 1:18
 - Jesus gives eternal life....to whosoever believes Rom. 10:9