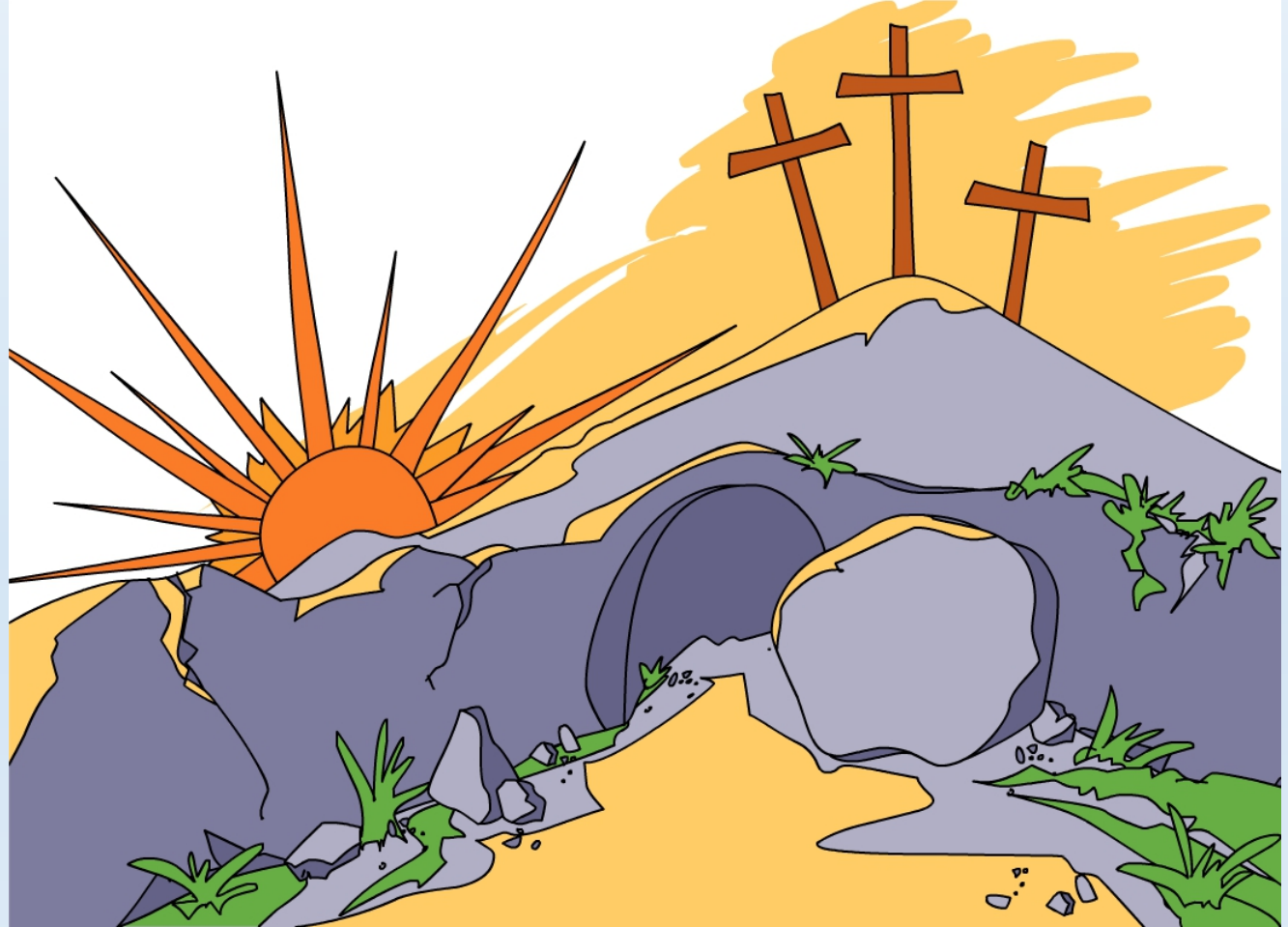


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I. Introduction

The last week of the ministry of Jesus has more importance for the humanity than all other events together. Without the crucifixion and the resurrection we would be lost, and our history would have no real meaning. But through Jesus' death on the cross and his victory over the tomb we have a bright future and a permanent access to His kingdom.



1. CRUCIFIXION

"It is to the Cross that the Christian is challenged to follow his Master: no path of redemption can make a detour around it."
Hans Urs von Balthasar, Unless You Become Like This Child



"The gifts of the Master are these: freedom, life, hope, new direction, transformation, and intimacy with God. If the cross was the end of the story, we would have no hope. But the cross isn't the end. Jesus didn't escape from death; he conquered it and opened the way to heaven for all who will dare to believe. The truth of this moment, if we let it sweep over us, is stunning. It means Jesus really is who he claimed to be, we are really as lost as he said we are, and he really is the only way for us to intimately and spiritually connect with God again." Steven James, *Story*



"God has chosen to save the world through the cross, through the shameful and powerless death of the crucified Messiah. If that shocking event is the revelation of the deepest truth about the character of God, then our whole way of seeing the world is turned upside down... all values are transformed... God refuses to play games of power and prestige on human terms."
Richard B. Hays



“The theology of the cross is not a cerebral thing; it profoundly affects our Christian experience and existence, making demands upon our whole lives and turning theology into something which controls not just our thoughts, but the very way in which we experience the world around and taste the blessing and fellowship of God himself. pp.48-49”

Carl R. Trueman, *Reformation: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*



„The old cross slew men; the new cross entertains them. The old cross condemns; the new cross amuses. The old cross destroyed confidence in the flesh; the new cross encourages it. The old cross brought tears and blood; the new cross brings laughter. The flesh, smiling and confident, preaches and sings about the cross; before the cross it bows and toward the cross it points with carefully staged histrionics--but upon that cross it will not die, and the reproach of that cross it stubbornly refuses to bear.”
A.W. Tozer, *The Divine Conquest*



“Outside of the cross of Jesus Christ, there is no hope in this world. That cross and resurrection at the core of the Gospel is the only hope for humanity. Wherever you go, ask God for wisdom on how to get that Gospel in, even in the toughest situations of life.”
Ravi Zacharias



2. RESURRECTION

"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead."

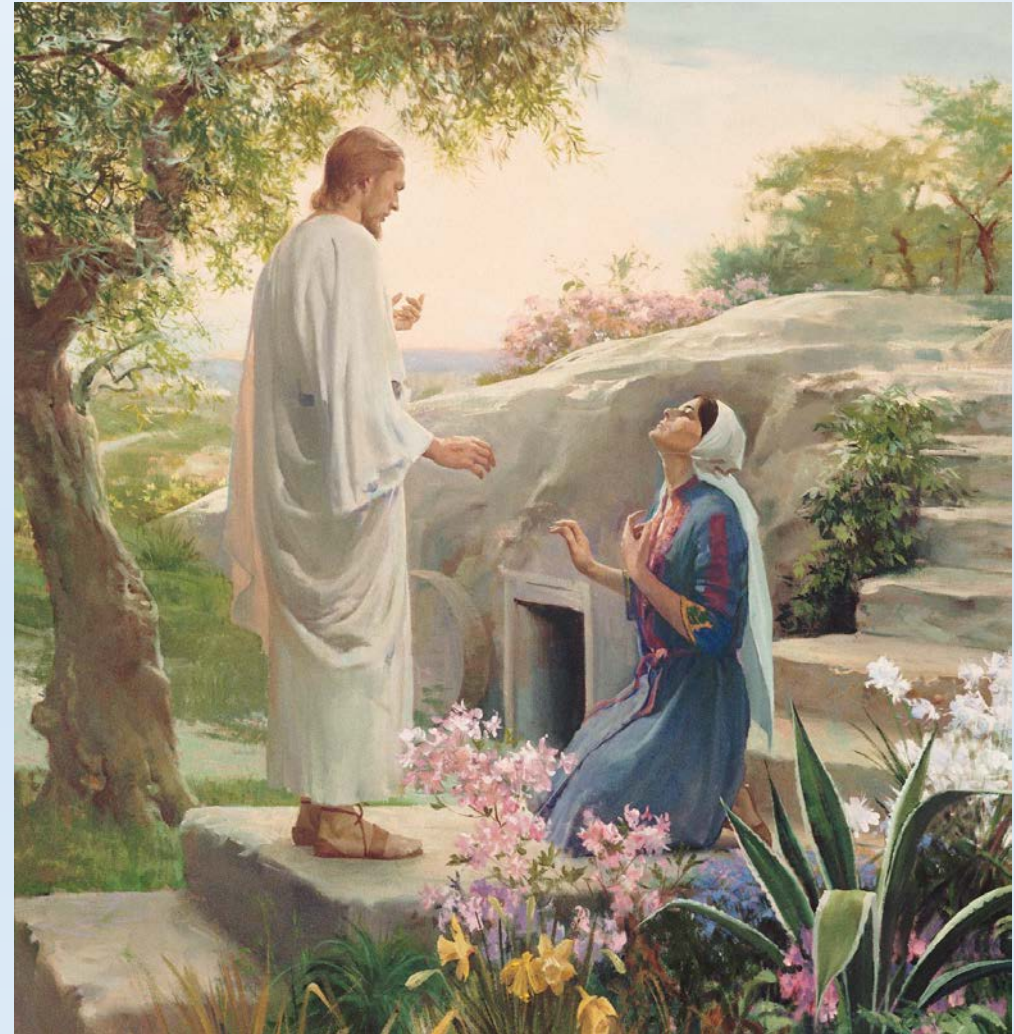
Timothy Keller, *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*



“The resurrection completes the inauguration of God's kingdom... It is the decisive event demonstrating that God's kingdom really has been launched on earth as it is in heaven.”
N. T. Wright



"To preach Christianity meant (to the Apostles) primarily to preach the Resurrection. ... The Resurrection is the central theme in every Christian sermon reported in the Acts. The Resurrection, and its consequences, were the 'gospel' or good news which the Christians brought."
C. S. Lewis, *Miracles*, ch. 16)



“Two things concur in the justification of souls, namely, forgiveness of sin and newness of life through grace. Consequently, as to efficacy, which comes of the Divine power, the Passion as well as the Resurrection of Christ is the cause of justification as to both the above. But as to exemplarity, properly speaking Christ’s Passion and death are the cause of the forgiveness of guilt, by which forgiveness we die unto sin: whereas Christ’s Resurrection is the cause of newness of life, which comes through grace or justice: consequently, the Apostle says (Romans 4:25) that ‘He was delivered up,’ i.e. to death, ‘for our sins,’ i.e. to take them away, ‘and rose again for our justification.’” Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologiae III, q. 56, art. 2, ad 4; emphasis added).

"The resurrection is the transfiguring and glorifying of the man Jesus Christ. In His unity with man the Son of God endures death; then conversely it must be in His unity with man that He conquers it. The content of the Easter message is that this has happened, that this dead man, as such, has appeared in a new life to His own people and as man is God for ever and ever....For if Jesus Christ has not risen, if He has not risen as man, and therefore visibly and corporally risen from the dead, then He has not revealed Himself as the Son of God, then we know nothing about His having been so, nor do we know anything of the infinite value of His sacrifice."

Karl Barth, in Fred Klooster, Karl Barth's Doctrine of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Westminster Theological Seminary Journal, 24: 2, 1962, p. 138.

II. Context



The structure of the Gospel of Luke

In	1: 1 – 4	Search for Authentic Narrative about Jesus
1	1: 5 – 2: 50	Incarnation (Prophecies, John the Baptist and Jesus)
2	2: 50 – 4: 30	Nazareth (Baptism, Temptation, and Ministry in Nazareth)
3	4: 31 – 7 : 50	Capernaum (Headquarters of Jesus for his Ministry in Galilee)
4	8: 1 – 9: 50	Every City and Village
5	9: 51 – 19: 27	Trip to Jerusalem (Jesus' Ministry on the road, Samaria and Judea)
6	19: 28 – 21: 38	Jerusalem (Fulfillment of Jesus' Mission)
7	22: 1 – 23: 56	Jesus' Passion, Death, and Burial
8	24: 1 – 24: 53	Jesus' Resurrection, Post-resurrection Teaching, and Ascension

The structure of the Resurrection text in the Gospel of Luke 24: 1 – 12) underlines the perplexity of both women and disciples. They don't come to the conclusion of the importance of resurrection through a theological search for truth. The resurrection was for them an impossible truth, and they had hard time to accept the new reality.



The structure of the Gospel of Luke 24: 1 - 12

A	24: 1 – 4a	Women Came to the Tomb, didn't Find the Body of Jesus. They were PERPLEXED
B	24: 4b - 4d	Women Met Two Men in Shining Garments
C1	24: 4b and 5	Speech of two men: JESUS IS RISEN
C2	24: 6 - 7	Speech of two men: REMEMBER JESUS' TEACHING
D'	24: 8	Women Remembered Jesus' Teaching
B'	24: 9 - 10	Women Met the Eleven and Told Them about the Resurrection
D'	24: 11	Disciples didn't Believe the Testimony of Women
A'	24: 12	Peter ran to the Tomb. He found what women told him. He was MARVELING

There is a contrast between the attitude of women and disciples. Even though the surprise of Jesus' resurrection was immense, the Gospel of Luke presents the approach of women in a positive way: "They remembered His words" (D). The apostles had hard time to adjust to the good news of resurrection: "And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them." (D') What a lesson of humility for those who will become leaders of the first apostolic church. The women, followers of Jesus, showed boldness in their ministry of witnessing the message of angels. May we have the same attitude today, 'examining all things and holding fast to that which is good'.



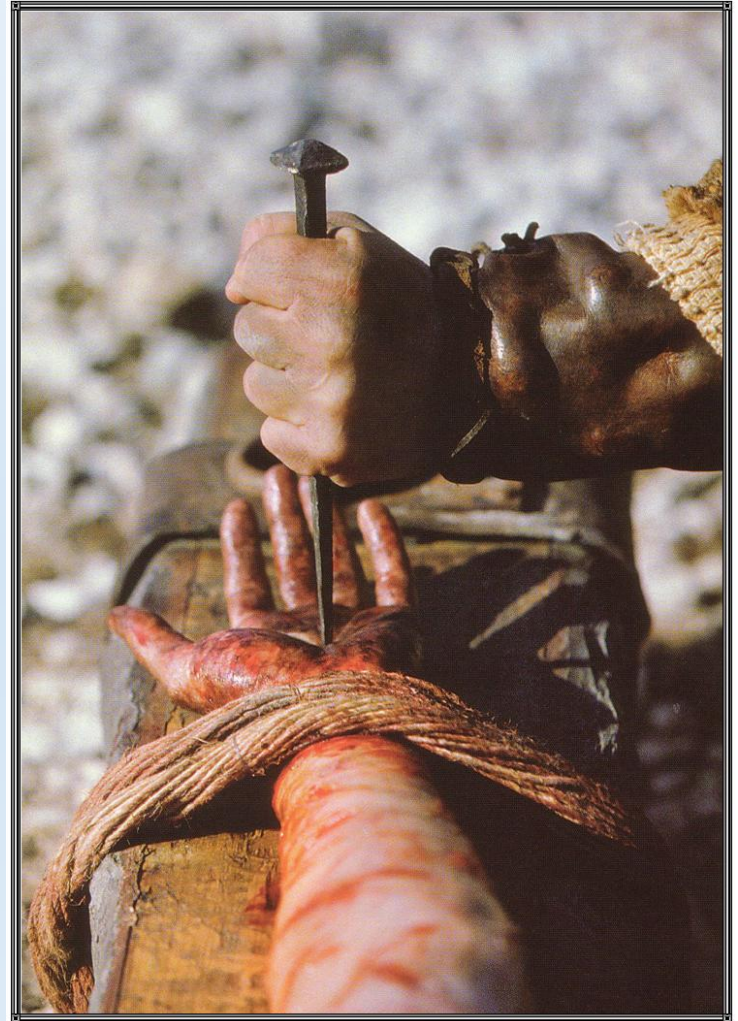
III. The Gift of Salvation is ours because of God's plan of salvation. The Cross and the Resurrection have an essential place in what God does for us



1. Betrayal of Jesus

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“Jesus died on the cross because he challenged human authority, uplifting God’s will as an exclusive reference. He died because he confronted the status quo. He died because He could not accept, as God among us, to dwell in silence and to allow the evil to grow. He died because He pointed out the way of a total freedom through the reconciliation with God. And this was not acceptable for the enemy of humanity.” (DS)



"Christ suffered not just death, but death on a cross – the most excruciating, embarrassing, degrading, painful, and cruel death ever devised. Crucifixion came originally from the Persians and was adopted by the Romans. It was used to execute rebellious slaves and the worst of criminals only. The Jewish people hated it because of Deuteronomy 21:23: "Anyone who is hung on a tree is under God's curse" (NIV). Galatians 3:13 says, "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us – for it is written, 'Cursed is every one who hangs on a tree.'" The God who created the universe suffered the ultimate human degradation – hanging naked in the sky before a mocking world with nails driven through His hands and feet."

John MacArthur

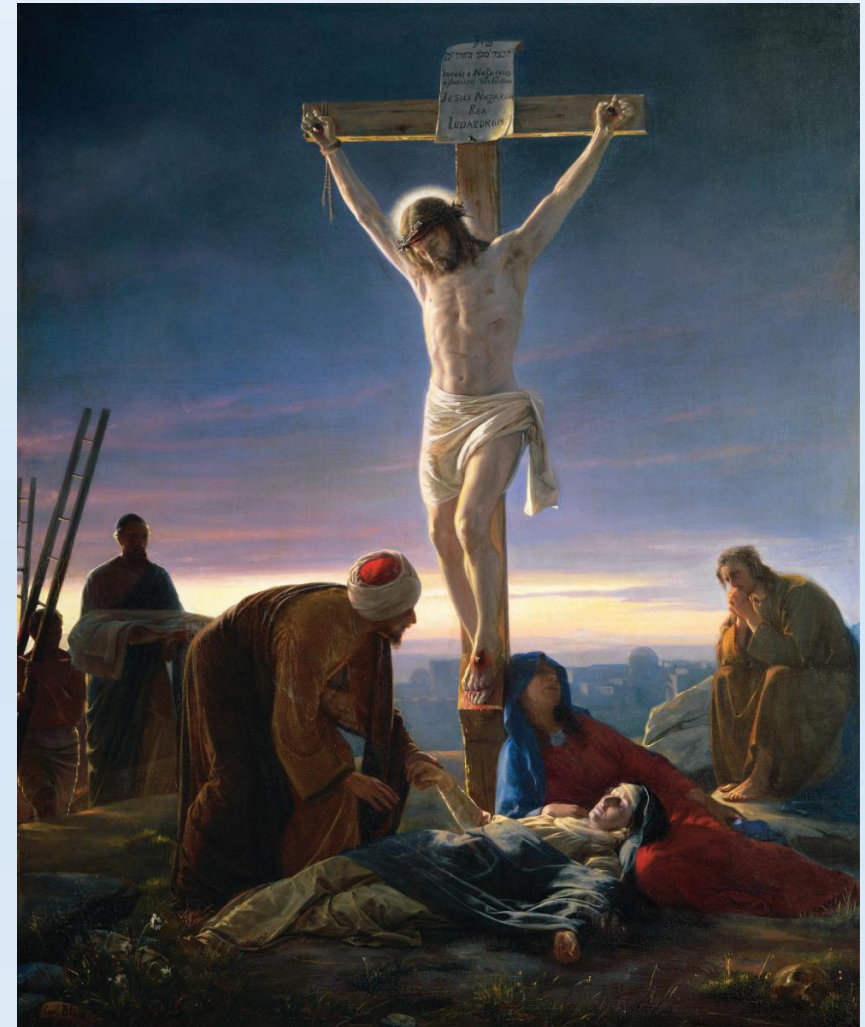
“It was to redeem us that Jesus lived and suffered and died. He became “a Man of Sorrows,” that we might be made partakers of everlasting joy. God permitted His beloved Son, full of grace and truth, to come from a world of indescribable glory, to a world marred and blighted with sin, darkened with the shadow of death and the curse. He permitted Him to leave the bosom of His love, the adoration of the angels, to suffer shame, insult, humiliation, hatred, and death. “The chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5. Behold Him in the wilderness, in Gethsemane, upon the cross! The spotless Son of God took upon Himself the burden of sin. He who had been one with God, felt in His soul the awful separation that sin makes between God and man. This wrung from His lips the anguished cry, “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?” Matthew 27:46. It was the burden of sin, the sense of its terrible enormity, of its separation of the soul from God—it was this that broke the heart of the Son of God.

Ellen G. White, Steps to Christ, p. 13.

2. Death of Jesus

"The Son of Man must be crucified."

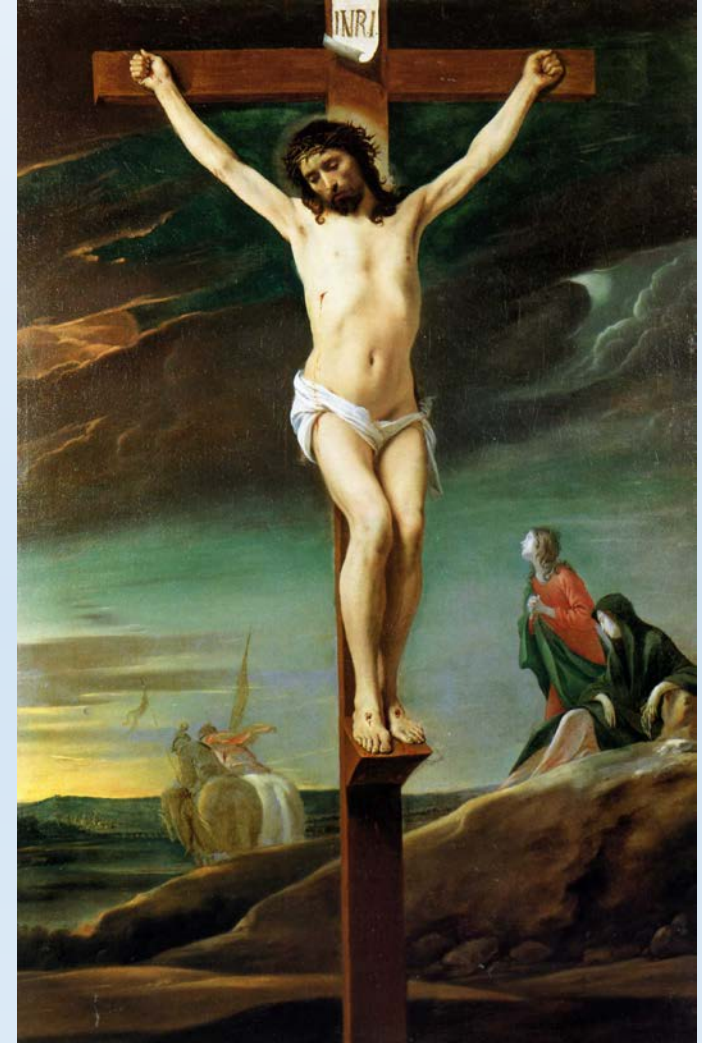
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“The earthly form of Christ is the form that died on the cross. The image of God is the image of Christ crucified. It is to this image that the life of the disciples must be conformed; in other words, they must be conformed to his death (Phil 3.10, Rom 6.4) The Christian life is a life of crucifixion (Gal 2.19) In baptism the form of Christ's death is impressed upon his own. They are dead to the flesh and to sin, they are dead to the world, and the world is dead to them (Gal 6.14). Anybody living in the strength of Christ's baptism lives in the strength of Christ's death.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

“Jesus didn’t die to save me from the suffering, so common on this planet. He did something more. He died to save me from myself, allowing me to be part His project, which is to transform this planet into an oasis of peace, into his eternal kingdom of love. When it happen, there shall be no more pain, nor suffering.”
(DS)



"[Jesus] tilted His head back, pulled up one last time to draw breath and cried, "Tetelestai!" It was a Greek expression most everyone present would have understood. It was an accounting term. Archaeologists have found papyrus tax receipts with "Tetelestai" written across them, meaning "paid in full." With Jesus' last breath on the cross, He declared the debt of sin cancelled, completely satisfied. Nothing else required. Not good deeds. Not generous donations. Not penance or confession or baptism or...or...or...nothing. The penalty for sin is death, and we were all born hopelessly in debt. He paid our debt in full by giving His life so that we might live forever."

Charles R. Swindoll

3. Resurrection of Jesus

"And the third day the Son of Man must rise again."

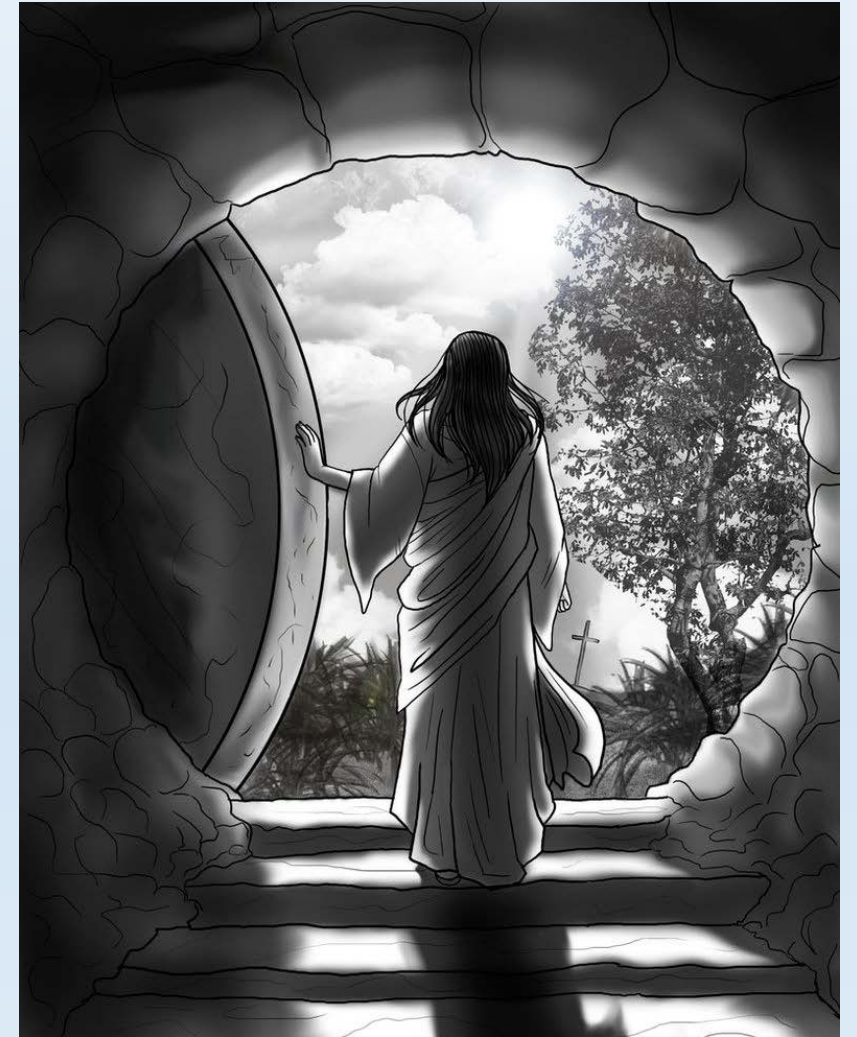
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Resurrection as the
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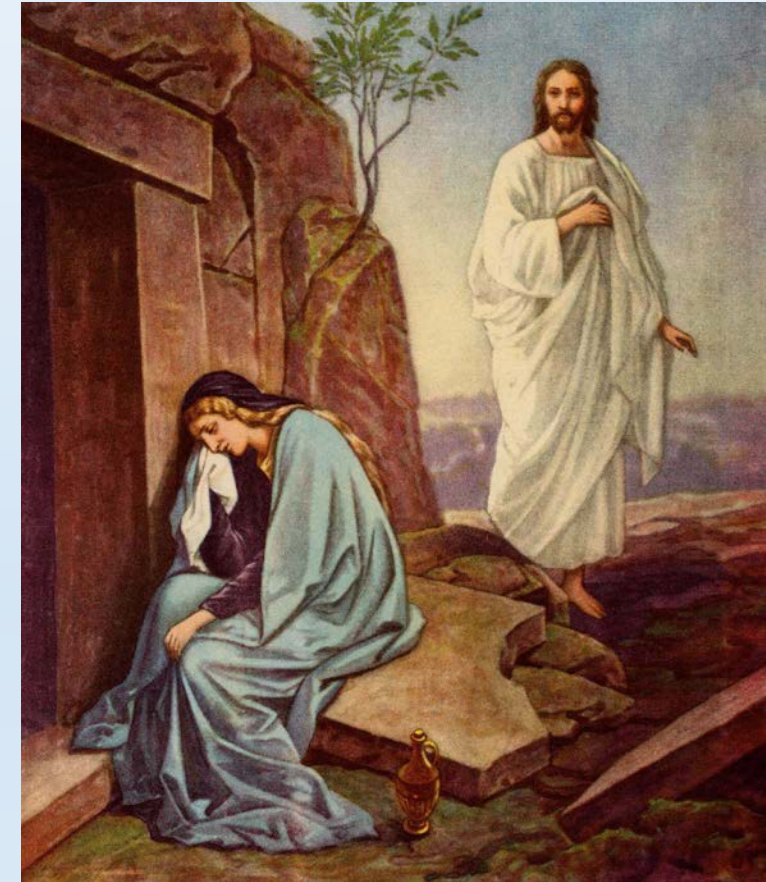
“Hope, insofar as it is
hope of resurrection, is
the living contradiction of
what it proceeds from
and what is placed under
the sign of the Cross and
death.”

Paul Ricoeur



“By virtue of His death and resurrection Jesus became the minister of the “true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.” Hebrews 8:2. Men reared the Jewish tabernacle; men builded the Jewish temple; but the sanctuary above, of which the earthly was a type, was built by no human architect. “Behold the Man whose name is The Branch; ... He shall build the temple of the Lord; and He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne; and He shall be a priest upon His throne.” Zechariah 6:12, 13.

Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 165.



“Our Lord Jesus Christ came to die and did not come to sin; by sharing in our penalty without our offence, He annulled both our offence and penalty. What penalty? That which was due to us after this life. So He was crucified, that on the Cross He might show the dying-out of our old man; and He rose, that in His own life He might show our new life.”

Augustine



V. Conclusion



“Jesus Christ has given Himself as a complete offering in behalf of every fallen son and daughter of Adam. O what humiliation He bore! How He descended, step after step, lower and lower in the path of humiliation, yet He never degraded His soul with one foul blot of sin! All this He suffered, that He might lift you up, cleanse, refine, and ennoble you, and place you as a joint heir with Himself upon His throne. How shall you make your calling and election sure? What is the way of salvation? Christ says, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” However sinful, however guilty you may be, you are called, you are chosen. “Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.” Not one will be forced against his will to come to Jesus Christ. The Majesty of heaven, the only-begotten Son of the true and living God, opened the way for you to come to Him, by giving His life as a sacrifice on Calvary’s cross. Ellen G. White, Christian Education (Supplement), 1893. FE 251.

"His crucifixion is the key; His resurrection is the door... it is only by his death that we have the mandate to enter into the gates of eternal life. His doors are open always. Christ is King!"
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