

The Cross and Empty Tomb (Matt.27:32-44; 28:1-15)

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Text: Matthew 27:32-44

1. The Crucified King (Matt.27:32-44). Here is Jesus Christ (the Messiah) fulfilling his high calling of dying as the divine substitute and atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world.

Duet. 21:22-23

Is.53:4-6

V34-On the cross the Roman soldiers offered Jesus wine mixed with gall to deaden some of the pain, fulfilling ***(Ps.69:21)**.

V35-The soldiers gambled for Jesus' clothes fulfilling **(Ps.22:18)**.

V38, 44—Jesus hung on a cross between two thieves in the place that was probably reserved for the notorious thief named Barabbas.

Is.53:12

Christ was insulted by those who passed by **(V39-40)** and mocked by the chief priests and religious leaders **(V41-43)** fulfilling **(Ps.22:7-8)**. Other prophecies fulfilled in the cross were: Isaiah's prophecy that the Messiah would be scourged and mocked **(Is.50:6)** fulfilled in **Matt.27:26-30**; David prophecies that the Messiah's hands and feet would be pierced **(Ps.22:16)** but not one of his bones broken **(Ps.34:20)** and Zechariah's prophecy that His body would be pierced with a spear **(Zech.12:10)** were fulfilled as Christ our Savior hung on Calvary's cross!

1 Pet. 3:18; 2 Cor.5:21

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Jn.3:16-17

2. The Risen King (Matt.28:1-10). Jesus the crucified king was victoriously raised to life after 3 days and is now the Risen King & Lord of all. Christ's resurrection conquered death's sting and removed the threat of hell for all would trust in Him (**1 Cor. 15:55-57-**).

The resurrection is God the Father's acceptance of Christ the Son's payment for the sins of His people.

*Some of the most powerful proofs of the resurrection, which have yet to be disproved, are the eyewitness testimonies of the post-resurrection appearances of Christ (**Mt. 28; Mk. 16; Lk.24; Jn. 20, 21**).

1 Cor.15:3-11

Matt. 28:5-7

>**Come...**The angel told both women to "come." Rather than running away in fear or disbelief or being concerned about the opinions of those against Christ' they were to come in simple faith responding to this invitation.

Matt.11:28-29

>**See...** The angel told them to "see *the place where (Jesus) was lying.*" The ladies saw an empty tomb with folded grave clothes lying there. What should we see when we look into the empty tomb of Christ?

1 John 3:2

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> **Go...*Since Christ is alive***, the women were to go and make this known. His ministry continues today and there remains work to be done (**Matt.28:18-20**).

> **Tell...** They were to tell what they had seen and heard. (**Rom.10:9-10, 13**)

James Montgomery Boice (1938-2000)—Shouldn't you likewise report the good news? The greatest news the world has ever heard is that Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead. It is great because it is true and because of what it proves. It proves that the God of the Old Testament is the true God, that Jesus is God's Son and our Savior, that his death has been accepted by his Father as a true atonement for our sins, that those who believe on Jesus are in a justified state before God, that there is a power for victory over sin for all who belong to Jesus, and that those who are joined to Jesus by faith will themselves be raised from death to life in heaven. That is a tremendous message. How can we not tell it boldly to those who are perishing apart from Christ?

Come, see, go, & tell others Jesus is alive. Call on Him!

INVITATION-ABC, Admit (you've sinned & that you need Jesus), Believe (Jesus died for you & rose for you), Confess (Confess Jesus Christ is Lord).

Rom.10:9-10, 13