

He Is Not Here, He Is Risen!

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Matthew 28:1-7

He Is Risen As He Said

- We commemorate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus every first day of the week through sharing in the Lord's Supper – Mat. 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:26.
- Today, many who do not honor His death, burial, and resurrection every first day of the week reflect on this great event.
- Of “first” importance! – 1 Cor. 15:3-4, 17.
- Attested by many witnesses – 1 Cor. 15:5-8.
- Facts never successfully refuted – Acts 2:22.

Prophesied and Promised

- Foretold by the Old Testament prophets – Psa. 16:8-11; compare Acts 2:25-28, 29-32.
- The Christ would suffer and die, which was unthinkable to many Jews – Mat. 16:21-22.
- Promised by Jesus – Mat. 17:23; Mk. 9:31; Lk. 13:32; Jn. 2:18-22.
- Declared the Deity of Christ – Rom. 1:3-4.
- Knees do not bow to the dead, but to the living Christ, our Lord – Phi. 2:10-11.

The Keystone of the Gospel

- Without which there is no “Good News” – 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Lk. 24:17-32.
- There would be no church – Mat. 16:18; Eph. 1:19-23.
- Satan would be undefeated – Gen. 3:15; Heb. 2:14-15.
- Death would not be abolished – 2 Tim. 1:10; Acts 2:23-24.
- No basis for our faith and hope – 1 Cor. 15:12-19.
- No hope of victory in Christ – 1 Cor. 15:52-57.

Declared By Christians Today!

- Disciples faithfully assemble to worship on first day of the week – Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2.
- He was raised on first day of week – Mat. 28:1; Mk. 16:1-2; Lk. 24:1; Jn. 20:1.
- Seen on the first day of the week – Jn. 20:14-19.
- Doubt defeated on the first day of the week – Jn. 20:26-29.
- His coronation announced on first day of week – Acts 2:32-33, 36.
- He church was founded on the first day of the week – Acts 2:38-41. He was betrothed to His bride.

We Should Take It Personally

- Baptized into Christ and His death – Rom. 6:3.
- Buried with Him and raised with Him to newness of life – Rom. 6:4.
- United with Him in the likeness of His death; raised in the likeness of His resurrection – Rom. 6:5.
- Set free from bondage to sin – Rom. 6:6-7.
- Die with Him in order to live with Him – Rom. 6:8.
- Death has no longer has dominion over Christ or those who have been baptized into Him! – Rom. 6:9-11.

Decision...

- An empty tomb to remind of Christ's glory and our hope of glory! – Rom. 5:1-2; Col. 1:27.
- A living hope because Christ lives – 1 Pet. 1:3.
- We must believe that God raised Jesus from the dead in order to be saved – Rom. 10:8-10; 6:3-4.
- Lk. 24:34 “The Lord is risen indeed” Do you believe?