

# HAPPY RESURRECTION SUNDAY

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We do not worship a Babe in a manger,  
We worship a glorified Savior on a throne.

Our Lord Jesus Christ voluntarily went to the cross to pay for the sins of the entire world. He died physically on that cross and was buried in a tomb, and then He rose from the dead, with victory over death (1 Corinthians 15:54-57). Soon, He is coming again to take the Universal Redeemed Church (the body of Christ) in our new resurrection bodies to be with Him in Heaven.

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4) and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,**



# WHY DO WE CALL IT “GOOD” FRIDAY?

There is disagreement about the day our Lord was crucified, but the question presented here is, “**Why do people call that day “Good?”** Example: “**Good Friday**” That day was an exceedingly dark day filled with agony and suffering of our wonderful Savior. That day literally became dark (*Matt. 27:45*).

Believers turned their heads when they saw the Lord Jesus Christ, hanging naked on the cross, suffering from the nails

driven into His hands and into His feet, while the pain of being scourged and nearly being beaten to death was unbearable. He was covered with blood, and He was so weak that He could no longer carry His cross.

Unbelievers were mocking, jeering, taunting, and scoffing at Him while He was screaming:

**Matthew 27:46 - And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"**

All of our Lord's disciples hid themselves except John who went to Golgotha which was where they crucified our Lord.

**Mark 15:22 And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull.**

It appears that nothing was going good on that horrible day, except for one thing, **Jesus Christ kept His promise to take on Himself the sins of all mankind.** **That is what He meant when He said, "IT IS FINISHED."**

**John 19:30 Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" (Tetelestai - verb, perfect, passive, indicative, third person, singular – bring to an end, to finish) And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.**

**Mark 15:37 And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed His last.**

**John 19:10-11 Pilate therefore said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" 11) Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason, he who delivered Me up to you has the greater sin."**

Jesus was telling people about the resurrection of the dead before He was crucified and after He was crucified.

**John 11:25 Jesus said to her (Martha) "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies,**

**John 14:19 After a little while the world will behold Me no more; but you will behold Me; because I live, you shall live also.**

**Luke 24:6-7 - He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, 7) saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."**

Read: (1 Corinthians 15:12-34 & 43-58)

Aren't you glad to know the resurrection is true? It happened! Jesus triumphed over death, paid the penalty for your sins and mine...and offers freedom and forgiveness for all your days.