



Sits on a Throne



Died on a cross,



Born in a stable,

Sequence of Crucifixion

Crucifixion and Resurrection of JESUS CHRIST is not a myth; nor is it some story conjured up by man; it is a true historical account of historical events, foreordained by God before the foundation of the world. Recorded in the bible and witnessed by many people.

FIRST

Just a word on "Easter" ... not in the bible:

KJ – Acts 12:4–Easter *easter* Greek word *pascha*—*Passover*.

This was corrected in the New King James to Passover.

Easter is English spelling of the Ancient Assyrian goddess Ishtar; pronounced by the Assyrians exactly as we pronounce Easter. The Babylonian name of this goddess was Astarte, consort of Baal, whose worship is denounced by God as pagan Idolatry.

Paul warned the early church not to return to its pagan festivals. the festival of Ishtar was celebrated in **early spring** and the Gentiles of the early church brought this pagan festival over into the **Church celebration of the Resurrection**. Right from the

beginning Satan got his foot into the Church.

Calling this resurrection 'Easter' was strongly advanced by the Roman Catholic Church.

In the heathen celebration of **Ishtar**—bunnies and eggs and beautiful clothing characterized the festival. (romping in woods)

There is nothing in **Easter** that honors our crucified and resurrected Savior. Yet Christians pass this down from generation to generation and one wonders "WHY" the gospel is distorted.

The world today does not pick up anything spiritual at this time of the year... just colored bunnies and colored eggs.

Egg—nothing to do with the resurrection of JESUS CHRIST; but in Cultic practice the egg was a sacred symbol of fertility.

I am afraid that children know more about coloring Easter eggs than they do about the resurrection of JESUS CHRIST!!

Encyclopedia Britannica 11th edition article on Easter states that **"the Gentile Christians at the beginning of the Roman Catholic Church started bringing in pagan Customs and combining them with Christian Biblical events"** (...like the worship of Mary)

Issues: The Week of Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Problem: There were **two Sabbaths** in that week with a day of preparation between them. Without understanding this there are apparent problems between John and the Synoptic gospels. We have spent time studying the two Sabbaths and will just note it now.

SECOND

The issue is to understand that JESUS CHRIST is said in the bible to have been in the grave 3 days and 3 nights (Matthew 12:40). That would be **72 hours**. Also remember that Jewish time does not count a day from midnight to midnight, but **from 6 pm to 6 pm the next day**. This means for JESUS CHRIST to be in the earth for 72 hours there is really only one option for the day JESUS CHRIST was buried,: He would have been buried **at 6 pm on Wednesday** and risen sometime **after 6 pm—(our Saturday)** —which would have begun Sunday under the Jewish calendar.

Scripture tells us He arose on the first day of the week. To the Jews that day began in Saturday after 6 pm—So JESUS CHRIST could have risen from the grave any time after 6 pm through the morning when the ladies came to the grave.

*** Understanding that JESUS CHRIST was buried on different days:
Wednesday; Thursday; or even Friday is no grounds of
argument or **breaking fellowship**...; As long as we agree that
the God-man, Jesus, was crucified for the sins of the world,
buried and rose again!

(The Friday crucifixion is a strong Roman Catholic Church tradition),
BUT NOT BIBLICAL.

JESUS CHRIST was on the cross for some 6 hours; with the last
three being in darkness covering the area of Crucifixion;
**This was the time He was bearing the
judgment for the sins of the world.**

God kept it private—
so that the world not see His Son under judgment.

**WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO THIS RESURRECTION SUNDAY SPECIAL
IS JUST GO THROUGH THE EVENTS IN ORDER,
MUCH LIKE WE DID WITH HIS BIRTH AT CHRISTMAS,
ONLY WE WILL NOT READ ALL THE PASSAGES.**

Start Tuesday Evening

I. THE LAST SUPPER

Jesus and the disciples came into Jerusalem from Bethany, to partake of the Passover meal; John and Peter were sent ahead to locate the place for the Passover meal and make preparations for the meal. Matthew 26:20-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:14-38; John 13-14.

By the way, we do not know exactly where the last supper took place, we do know that it was **NOT** in the church where they will show you it took place. First of all, there were no churches! And it has been some 2000 years and there have been many changes in the entire area of old Jerusalem.

We know with some accuracy the location of **the temple**—and the Western Wall; We know where **the Kidron Valley** is located and the **Mt. of Olives** and most likely the **Garden of Gethsemane** are located. Remember that in 70 AD Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed and then diaspora... He was crucified and rose—it will be hundreds of years before there will be a Christian interest in Jerusalem.

1. Jesus ate an early evening Passover meal and instituted the Lord's table. Started around 6 pm, Tuesday Evening.

2. The events of the Upper Room: washing of the disciple's feet; Judas exits to betray Jesus; and the last Passover and First Lord's Table. During this time, JESUS CHRIST gave the first prophecy of **The Rapture and our being with Him forever, and the sending of the Holy Spirit;**
3. Then they left the upper room, (Gospel of John 14:31), apparently on their way to the Mt. of Olives; in route, JESUS CHRIST taught how He is **THE TRUE VINE** and our bearing fruit that will glorify the Father and **reiterated the New Covenant** to love One Another just as He loves us; then a discourse on how they would suffer because the world hates them because it **hates JESUS CHRIST and hates God the Father** and how the **Holy Spirit bears witness of Him.** Gospel of John 15;

Then JESUS CHRIST gave a discourse on **warning of stumbling** due to hatred by the world; **His own departure to the Father, the coming of the Holy Spirit and His ministry to all unbelievers and to believers** and how the disciples would run in fear but receive joy from the Holy Spirit; and that in the world they would have tribulation, but they could have inner peace. Gospel of John 16; then the **Lord's prayer** in Gospel of John 17.

All of this occurred during the night after 6 pm and on into the night.

II. To the Garden of Gethsemane

Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-45; John 18:1.

Gethsemane means *oil press*; located across the Kidron at the foot of the Mt. of Olives, a precursor to the pressing of JESUS CHRIST on the cross. Pressure in His soul and by the way in case you have wondered how Judas knew Jesus would be here, when he led the cohort to arrest JESUS CHRIST...; Jesus frequently resorted to this quiet place: Matthew 26:36; Mark 14:32; Gospel of John 18:2.

1. Jesus and the disciples **cross the brook Kidron and enter into the Garden of Gethsemane.**

Kidron—Hebrew: dark waters;

Jesus entering into **His hour!**

It is dark—time of Satan—from around 12 midnight until late morning it looks like Satan is winning therefore it is darkness.

The PRINCIPLE of crossing the Kidron:

When you moved out of Jerusalem and crossed over the Kidron—you were **out of the jurisdiction** of Jerusalem: Shortly after JESUS CHRIST crosses over the Kidron, the officials of Jerusalem will come to arrest Him...; **they are out of their jurisdiction**- they had no authority to even arrest Him, so, right from the beginning—**unlawful Prophecy:** about JESUS CHRIST and crossing the Kidron:

I Kings 2:37

37 **"For it will happen on the day you go out and cross over the brook Kidron, you will know for certain that you shall surely die; your blood shall be on your own head."**

After crossing the Kidron
Jesus and His disciples
Move to the Garden of Gethsemane.

2. Jesus asks the disciples to pray, then He goes to pray in privacy where Jesus asks if it were possible for the cup to pass from Him, **but not my will but thy will be done!**
3. And the angel strengthens Him. Luke 22:43
4. Jesus' sweat turns to blood. Luke 22:44
5. Jesus goes and finds the disciples sleeping – three times.
6. Judas knows where Jesus would be and comes to betrayed Jesus. Always remember, only a friend can betray you, not an enemy. A friend knows your patterns, where you will be, and this betrayal by a kiss is followed by Jesus being arrested. Gospel of John 18:2-9.
7. Jesus goes forth to meet Judas and the accompanying soldiers. Gospel of John 18:3 **...the Roman cohort and officers**
King James **band of men and officers:**
NIV **a detachment of soldiers and some officials**

Greek ***speira*** used of Roman soldiers, probably a cohort, numbering between 400-600 men + officers. So, some 500 soldiers came out to arrest one man, JESUS CHRIST.

8. The army falls back at Jesus' name, When JESUS CHRIST said **I AM**. He was actually speaking to Satan... to remind him that He, JESUS CHRIST, is in control.
Read Gospel of John 18:1-9.
9. Judas betrays Jesus by a kiss. Luke 22:47-48
10. Simon Peter, who was carrying a knife, cuts off Malchus' ear. Gospel of John 18:10-11.
11. Jesus heals Malchus' ear. (Luke 22:51) and while correcting Peter does not reprimand Peter for carrying a weapon.
12. Jesus intimidates the religious crowd for coming after Him with the cohort as if He were a criminal. Luke 22:52.
13. All of the disciples left Jesus and fled. Mark 14:50; ck. Gospel of John 16:32

III. Six trials before Jewish and Roman Authorities (5 am to 8 am ?)

First TRIAL

Trial 1: Before Annas... illegal—Annas has no jurisdiction.

1. Jesus is bound and led to Annas, the father in law to High Priest Caiaphas. Gospel of John 18:12-14, 19-23
2. Jesus is struck by officer for his answer which is illegal.
Gospel of John 18:22
3. Annas sends Jesus bound to Caiaphas. Gospel of John 18:24
4. This trial before Annas is completely illegal:

- a no warrant for arrest was issued and not caught in act of Crime.
- b of course, it was against law for Jesus to have been struck without trial.
- c Mishna, (Jewish Law Code) said all night arrest, prisoner must be kept in ward until next day.
- d no legal or formal charge was made against Jesus.
- e in a criminal case no single judge has right to try it.
- f Annas was not High priest –had no jurisdiction. Talk about a break down in justice (*and the media did not say a word*)

Second TRIAL

Trial 2: Before the High Priest Caiaphas

Matthew 26:57-68; John 18:19-24 **Also an illegal trial.**

1. The late night or very early morning session at Caiaphas' house before the Sanhedrin.
2. False witnesses testify against Jesus.
3. Jesus remains silent to false charges.
4. Jesus answers Caiaphas. Matthew 26:63-64
5. Caiaphas tears his robe and charges Jesus with blasphemy. Gospel of John 18:24
6. Jesus is spit on and hit in the face. Matthew 26:6

7. This Trial was also illegal:
- a Mishna prohibited trial during feast.
 - b Night case against Jewish Law.
 - c Trial in palace of Caiaphas and only in the Temple were legal.
 - d No formal indictment read.
 - e No defense lawyer.
 - f Not one witness for the accused was presented.
 - g Under Jewish Law, two witnesses must agree. They did have two who would lie, but even they did not agree.
 - h The two false witnesses were not crossed examined.
 - i The Prosecution failed to make it's case— should have been dismissed.
 - j Jesus should have been sentenced the next day. violation of own law.
 - k Court bound to protect accused from injury;...not done.

**So as usual,
Satan uses the legal system to crucify JESUS CHRIST.**

- It is here that is inserted Peter's denials:

Matthew 26:69-75; Luke 22:54-62

We do not know where this took place but was probably somewhere around the House of Caiaphas, because Peter and Jesus will look at each other. So, probably JESUS CHRIST is being taken from Caiaphas' house.

*Peter warms himself by the enemy's fire.

*Peter denies knowing Jesus 3-times.

*The cock crows and Jesus' eyes meet Peters' eyes just as Peter was vehemently denying that he even knew JESUS CHRIST in words of profanity.

*Peter goes out and weeps bitterly.

Third TRIAL

Third Trial: Before the Jewish Sanhedrin

Matthew 26:59; Matthew 27:1-2; Mark 14:55-65; Luke 22:66-71;

illegal trial.

1. Early morning ratification of all the Jewish authorities – religion needs and loves confirmation by crowds.

2. Illegal:
 - a Day of feast; Even though probably beginning of daylight.
 - b Still no two witnesses who agree.
 - c Tried to get Jesus to purge himself.
 - d In capital cases, there must be a full day between trials...no observed.
 - e No defense attorney.
 - f Jewish courts had no jurisdiction to announce a death penalty.

3. Jesus is bound and led away.

Fourth TRIAL

Fourth Trial: Before Pilate. Matthew 27:11-14; Mark 15:1-5; Luke 23:1-7; Gospel of John 18:28-38;

About 6 am Wednesday morning. This trial may have been legal but was totally illegal in its procedure.

1. Jesus first trial before Pilate, the Roman appointed governor.
2. The counsel avoids Pilate's question as to the charge.
3. Pilate tells the counsel to judge Jesus by their own laws. But they refuse on religious grounds. All through these trials the religious Jews stand on their legalism while in fact they are betraying and crucifying their Savior.

4. Pilate questions Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"
5. Jesus answers Pilate.
6. Pilate asks Jesus, "What is truth?"
7. Pilate returns Jesus to the counsel, finding no fault in Him.
8. Pilate marveled that Jesus said nothing to the many accusations. Mark 15:3-5
9. Legal trial but with many illegal procedures:
 - a Under Roman Law, a written record of trial (Caiaphas) must be given to Pilate, not done.
 - b No witnesses examined.
 - c Treason introduced but no witnesses.
 - d Pilate stated innocence, Jesus should have been set free immediately.
 - e No defense attorney.
 - f Sending Jesus to Herod is evasion of responsibility and illegal according to Roman Law.

It was a complete breakdown of two of the great systems of Law in history.

Judas Remorse—returns the 30 pieces of silver.

Matthew 27:3-10

Fifth TRIAL

Fifth Trial: Before Herod, the Tetrarch, who is a sovereign or governor of one quarter part of a country. **Illegally conducted.** Luke 23:4-12—**only account.**

1. Since Jesus is Galilean, Pilate refers Him to Herod's jurisdiction.
2. Herod hopes to be entertained by Jesus with a miracle, and questions him at length.
3. Jesus says and does nothing.
4. Herod mocks Jesus and puts a robe on Him in mockery.
5. Herod finds the entire matter a joke and returns Jesus to Pilate.
6. While Herod was ruler of Galilee:
 - a Jesus has already been declared innocent by Roman court—Pilate.
 - b Again, Roman Law prohibits the mal-treatment of a prisoner not yet found guilty.
 - c No charges read.
 - d No decision given.
 - e No defense.

Sixth TRIAL

Sixth Trial: before Pilate Gospel of John 19:13-16; Luke 23:11-25; Matthew 27:17-30; Mark 15:6-15;

It is now around 7-8 am.

1. Pilate calls the counsel together to tell them he and Herod have found no fault in Jesus. Jesus should have been released.

2. Pilate offers to punish and then release Jesus, but the religious crowd is not satisfied.
3. Pilate tries to release Jesus instead of Barabbas.
4. Pilate's wife warns Pilate to have nothing to do with Jesus.
5. The riotous crowd cries for the release of Barabbas and the crucifixion of Jesus.
6. Pilate washes his hands of the trial of Jesus.
7. Jesus is stripped, beaten, flogged, crowned with a crown of thorns, mocked, spit on, and hit repeatedly in the head and face.
8. Pilate presents a beaten Jesus to the crowd, hoping they will find sympathy, and have Him released, but, of course, they were not.
9. Pilate asks Jesus, "Where are you from?"
10. Jesus remains silent.
11. Pilate releases Barabbas and delivers Jesus to them to be scourged and crucified.
12. Illegality:
 - A Declared innocent, and by Roman Law should have been released, but was not released.
 - b Illegal beating which is against Roman Law.
 - c In 1st meeting of Roman Law and Religion. Religion won.
 - d Roman law stated that 10 days must be between verdict and sentence.

Again, great breakdown in two of the great Legal systems in history.

IV. Jesus: Journey to Crucifixion and The 7 - Words Jesus Spoke from the Cross.

Matthew 27:27-31.

Again, this is Wednesday:

Preparation for the **annual** not weekly Sabbath.

1. The Roman soldiers take Jesus away from before Pilate, strip Him, scourge Him, place a crown of thorns on His head, give Him a reed scepter, and worship Him in mockery.
2. They spit on Jesus, and hit Him in the head with the reed scepter.
3. Jesus, not having said one word, is dressed again, and led away. Luke 23:26-32
4. Jesus is made to carry the 75-125 lb. Cross beam which His wrists will soon be nailed to.
5. Weakened from the severe beating, Jesus cannot carry His cross any further, so Simon of Cyrene is made to carry it for Him. Matthew 27:32-38; Mark 15:21; Luke 23:26
6. Jesus words to the women following. Luke 23:27-31
7. Two criminals led out with Jesus. Luke 23:32

V. Crucifixion

1. Having arrived at Golgotha (The Place of the Skull),
Matthew 27:33; Mark 15:22; Luke 23:33; Gospel of John 19:17

Jesus is nailed to His cross, along with two robbers.

This is a fulfillment of prophecy: Isaiah 53:12 one on each side of Him.

9 am “the third hour”:

Mark 15:25 **and it was the third hour when they crucified Him.**

Remember that Jewish time is from 6 pm to 6 pm and 6 am would be first hour and 9 am would be third hour.

Jesus is offered cheap wine mixed with gall, but He refuses to drink it. Matthew 27:34; Mark 15:23 This is fulfillment of prophecy from Psalm 69:21 and Proverbs 31:6.

VI. Last Seven Saying by JESUS CHRIST on the Cross

First Words from the cross:

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Spoken within the first hour on the cross... between 9-10 am.
John 19:23-25a; Luke 23:34;

Spoken to the Jewish crowd and Roman soldiers.

The soldiers divide up Jesus clothes, and cast lots for His seamless tunic. In fulfillment of a prophecy. Psalm 22:18;

The Crucifixion: Matthew 27:38; Mark 15:24, 27-28; Gospel of John 19:18.

Pilate had written over the cross:

Jesus of Nazareth, The King of the Jews" on the cross.

John 19:19-22

- The chief Priests ask Pilate not to write "**The King of the Jews**", but that "**Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews**".
- Pilate answered, "**What I have written, I have written.**"

JESUS CHRIST, while hanging on the cross is insulted and mocked in fulfillment of prophecy. Psalm 22:7; Psalm 70:3; Psalm 42:10.

Matthew 27:39-40

39 **and those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads,**

40 **and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."**

The people mocked Him:

Mark 15:31

In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes, were mocking Him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. "

The Religious crowd mocked Him. Luke 23:35-39

Roman soldiers mock Him by offering Him a drink of sour wine..., **"if you are the King of the Jews, save yourself"**

Second Words from the cross:

Spoken to the believing criminal crucified beside Him.

Luke 23:35-43

One robber says

"Are not you the Christ? Save yourself and us!

The other robber rebukes him and asks,

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him,

"Truly I say to you, today you shall be with me in paradise."

Third Words from the cross:

By JESUS CHRIST on cross, commending His mother into John's care. John 19:26-27

Jesus says to Mary, **"Woman, behold, your son!";**
and to John, **"Behold, your mother!"**

Fourth Words from the cross:

Fourth Words: Spoken in Darkness

Darkness covers the land at the sixth hour: Mark 15:33;

From noon until 3:00 pm. 6th hour to the 9th hour.

It is in these 3 hours that JESUS CHRIST bears the full weight of all the sins of the human race... Yours and Mine, EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES in Him, and the sins of everyone who does not believe in Him. UNBELIEVERS will not be judged for their sins, but for refusing to believe in JESUS CHRIST as Savior.

From Psalm 22:1 where JESUS CHRIST expresses the agony of separation from the Father while bearing the judgment for sins of the world, as the full weight of all sins of the human race presses upon Him. Matthew 27:46 **"Eli, Eli, Lama sabachthani?", which is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"**

Some of the crowd think Jesus has called for Elijah. Matthew 27:49 This crowd waits to see if Elijah will come to save Jesus.

Fifth Words from the cross:

Fifth Words: John 19:28-29 Spoken to fulfill Scripture.

Jesus, knowing all things are now finished, and in order to fulfill scripture says, **"I am thirsty."**

Jesus is given a drink of sour wine from a sponge.

Sixth Words from the cross:

John 19:30 Spoken to fulfill the Scripture.

After receiving the drink, Jesus says, "**It is finished.**"

Salvation is paid in full...; only Faith.

Seventh Words from the cross:

Luke 23:46 Spoken to His Father in Heaven.

Father into thy hands I commit My spirit.

Jesus' Death: Matthew 27:50; Mark 15:37; Luke 23:46; Gospel of John 19:30

After saying these words, after providing Salvation for all mankind by suffering Spiritual Death on the cross, several things happened. Matthew 27:51-56

1 The veil of the temple is torn in two from top to bottom (by God).	2 The earth quakes, and rocks are split.	3 The tombs open and the saints are raised and appear to many.
4 The crowd is afraid.	5 The centurion says, "Truly this was the Son of God."	6 Many of the women who came up with Jesus from Galilee were watching from afar.

VII. Burial of JESUS CHRIST:

sometime between 3 pm and 6 pm. Gospel of John 19:31-42

1. The Passover being at hand, the Jews asked Pilate to speed up their death by breaking the legs of Jesus and the two criminals, so that they might not remain on the cross into the Passover. (Religious Pharisees)
2. The two criminal's legs were broken.
3. But not the legs of Jesus since He was already dead; fulfilling Scripture that no bones were broken.
4. The soldier pierced Jesus side with his spear. Blood and water flowed out. JESUS CHRIST did not bleed to death. it was not His physical death that provided Salvation. It was His spiritual death that provided Salvation.
5. All scripture about the crucifixion are fulfilled.

VIII. Burial

sometime between 3 pm and 6 pm. Gospel of John 19:31-42

1. Joseph of Arimathea, a secret disciple of Jesus', asks Pilate for the body of Jesus.
2. Joseph and Nicodemus prepare Jesus' body for burial.
3. Jesus is laid in a new tomb. Prepared for Joseph.
4. The women from Galilee go up to see where Jesus is laid and then they leave. Luke 23:55-56

5. The Chief Priest and Pharisees ask Pilate to seal the tomb and post guards in front of it, hoping this will prevent the disciples and the followers of JESUS CHRIST from stealing Jesus body, then lying about His Resurrection.
Matthew 27:62-66
6. So, from Wednesday 6 pm to Thursday morning 6 am is Night one.
7. Thursday 6 am to 6 pm is Day One. This is the first annual Sabbath or high day, the first day of Unleavened Bread. The Tomb is guarded by Roman guards.
8. Starting on Thursday night 6 pm to Friday morning 6 am Night two.
9. Friday morning 6 am to Friday night 6 pm Day two. With the annual Sabbath over the women brought and prepared spices for anointing Jesus body. Mark 16:1 and Luke 23:56 comparing—They brought the spices after the Sabbath and yet before the Sabbath. The weekly Sabbath begins Friday at 6 pm. So, Friday 6 pm to Saturday morning 6 am is **Night 3.**
10. Saturday morning 6 am to Saturday night 6 pm is **Day Three.** Everyone rested on this day. (silent)
11. **JESUS CHRIST rose from the dead and out of the grave some time shortly after 6 pm on Saturday which of course marks the beginning of the first day of the week for the Jews. So, JESUS CHRIST was in the grave 3 days, and 3 nights… 72 hours.** Matthew 12:39-40; 17:23; 20:19;

...as Jonah was 72 hours in the belly of the whale.

IX. The Resurrection

Sometime after 6 pm Saturday.

(remember in Jewish time the First day of the week, began on Saturday 6 pm to Sunday 6 pm)

The events of Sunday morning are most confusing but read... Matthew 28:1-7; Mark 16:1-4; Luke 24:1-12; Gospel of John 20:1-9

1. The earth quakes, and an angel from heaven rolls away the stone. The guards, out of fear, become like dead men. This rolling away was not to let Jesus out but to let the world in.
2. Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb while it is dark and sees the stone rolled away and goes and reports to the disciples that someone has stolen the body of Jesus.
3. John and Peter run to the tomb and discover that Jesus has indeed risen from the grave.
4. A group of women (Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James) go to the tomb early on the first day of the week to embalm Jesus' body. JESUS CHRIST has already resurrected.
5. From Matthew 28:5-7 Entering the tomb, they discover Jesus is no longer there.
6. They see two angels, who tells them, **"Jesus has risen! Go tell the disciples that Jesus will meet them in Galilee."**
7. Some ran away in fear and remained silent. Mark 16:
8. Mary, having gone back to the tomb with Peter and John, remains there weeping.

9. Mary talks with angel and with Jesus, thinking He is the gardener.
10. Jesus says to her, "Mary", and she recognizes Him.
11. Mary again runs to tell the disciples that she has seen Jesus.

X. After the Resurrection of JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 28:11-15

1. The guards tell the Chief Priests what has happened, that Jesus has indeed risen from the grave.
2. The Religious crowd pay off the guards **to lie**, and say that the disciples came at night and stole the body of Jesus. (A sure death sentence for a guard to fail his post.)
3. In Luke 24:13-49 Jesus appears to the two disciples on their way to Emmaus. Jesus, out of compassion for Peter, comes to Peter who the last time he saw Jesus he was denying he even knew JESUS CHRIST. No one loses salvation by denying JESUS CHRIST, He cannot deny Himself. Jesus has supper with them, and when He breaks the bread, their eyes are opened, and Jesus vanishes.
4. They return to Jerusalem and tell the disciples **the Lord has risen.**
5. Jesus appears to the disciples, but without Thomas, and says, **"Peace be with you."**
6. Jesus shows them His wounds, and has dinner with them.
7. Then, in John 20:21-29 and John 21:1-23, Jesus gives the disciples a temporary filling of the Holy Spirit, and then leaves.

8. The disciples tell Thomas all that happened, but he is doubtful, and will not believe, but is still saved.
9. After eight days, Jesus again appears to the disciples, this time with Thomas. Thomas says to Jesus, **"My Lord and my God."**
10. The disciples go fishing, but catch nothing. Jesus appears to them, and tells them to cast their nets on the other side and they fill the net to overflowing.
(Israel contrasted with the Church)

- Jesus fixes them breakfast on the beach.
- Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves Him.
Peter says yes, each time; Jesus tells Peter to feed His sheep.
- JESUS CHRIST delivers the Great Commission
Matthew 28:16-20

XI. Christ Ascension into heaven:

Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50-51

Importance of Ascension: Gospel of John 16:7

**The God-man,
Our Savior now sits on the Throne of God,
a placed lusted after by Satan.**

We have a message to give to the world:

Have you heard about JESUS CHRIST?

Do you know why He died on the cross?

He is risen, He lives !

Won't you believe in Him right now?

and

Have Everlasting Life with God and with JESUS CHRIST!

Amen