

Spring Into His Resurrection Power

1. The Passover

Ex. 12:7-13

7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.

8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.

9 Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs.

10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it.

11 This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover.

12 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord.

13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

14 "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.

2. The Spring Time

2 Samuel 11:1

David and Bathsheba

In the spring of the year, the time when the kings go out to battle, David sent out Joab and his officers, all of Israel with him. They brought to ruin the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah, but David remained in Jerusalem.

3. The Seed Sown

Jn. 12:12-35

12 On the next day a great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

13 They took branches of palm trees, and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' The King of Israel!"

14 Then Jesus, having found a young donkey, sat on it. As it is written:
15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; see, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt."

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first. But when Jesus was glorified, they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

17 Now the crowd that was with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness.

18 The crowd went and met Him for this reason: They heard that He had performed this sign.

19 So the Pharisees said among themselves, "See, you are gaining nothing! Look, the world has followed Him!"

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the feast.

21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we want to see Jesus."

22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

23 Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

24 Truly, truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

25 He who loves his life will lose it. And he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

26 If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me. Where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

27 "Now My soul is troubled. What shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? Instead, for this reason I came to this hour.

28 Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

29 The crowd that stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."

30 Jesus answered, "This voice came not for My sake, but for your sakes.

31 Now judgment is upon this world. Now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

32 And if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to Myself."

33 He said this to signify by what kind of death He would die.

34 The crowd answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever. Why do You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"

35 Then Jesus said to them, "Yet a little while the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. He who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.

36 While you have light, believe in the light that you may become sons of light." Jesus said these things, and departed and hid Himself from them.

4. The Resurrection

Mt. 28:1-15

1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

11 While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.

12 When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money,

13 telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.'

14 If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble."

15 So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

5. The Great Commission

Mt. 28:16-20

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."