

## Easter

### Mathew 28:1-10

- 1 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.
- 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it.
- 3 His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow.
- 4 The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men.
- 5 Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified.
- 6 He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.
- 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you."
- 8 Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples.
- 9 And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage.
- 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

### Exodus 40:17-23

- 17 On the first day of the first month of the second year the tabernacle was set up.
- 18 It was Moses who set up the tabernacle. He placed its pedestals, set up its frames, put in its bars, and set up its columns.
- 19 He spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering on top of the tent, as the LORD had commanded him.
- 20 He took the covenant and put it in the ark; he placed poles alongside the ark and set the cover upon it.
- 21 He brought the ark into the tabernacle and hung the curtain veil, thus screening off the ark of the covenant, as the LORD had commanded him.
- 22 He put the table in the tent of meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the veil,
- 23 and arranged the bread on it before the LORD, as the LORD had commanded him.

**Sirach 30:21-25**

- 21 Do not give in to sadness, or torment yourself deliberately.
- 22 Gladness of heart is the very life of a person, and cheerfulness prolongs his days.
- 23 Distract yourself and renew your courage, drive resentment far away from you; for grief has killed many, and nothing is to be gained from resentment.
- 24 Envy and anger shorten one's days, and anxiety brings on premature old age.
- 25 Those who are cheerful and merry at table benefit from their food.

**Daniel 6:18-24**

- 18 To forestall any tampering, the king sealed with his own ring and the rings of the lords the stone that had been brought to block the opening of the den.
- 19 Then the king returned to his palace for the night; he refused to eat and he dismissed the entertainers. Since sleep was impossible for him,
- 20 the king rose very early the next morning and hastened to the lions' den.
- 21 As he drew near, he cried out to Daniel sorrowfully, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you serve so constantly been able to save you from the lions?"
- 22 Daniel answered the king: "O king, live forever!
- 23 My God sent his angel and closed the lions' mouths so that they have not hurt me. For I have been found innocent before him; neither have I done you any harm, O king!"
- 24 This gave the king great joy. At his order Daniel was brought up from the den; he was found to be unharmed because he trusted in his God.

**Isaiah 57:14-21**

- 14 And I say: Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstacle from my people's way.
- 15 For thus says the high and lofty One, the One who dwells forever, whose name is holy: I dwell in a high and holy place, but also with the contrite and lowly of spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, to revive the heart of the crushed.
- 16 For I will not accuse forever, nor always be angry; for without me their spirit fails, the life breath that I have given.
- 17 Because of their wicked avarice I grew angry; I struck them, hiding myself from them in wrath. But they turned back, following the way of their own heart.
- 18 I saw their ways, but I will heal them. I will lead them and restore full comfort to them and to those who mourn for them,
- 19 creating words of comfort. Peace! Peace to those who are far and near, says the LORD; and I will heal them.
- 20 But the wicked are like the tossing sea which cannot be still, Its waters cast up mire and mud.
- 21 There is no peace for the wicked! says my God.

**Acts 2:29-36**

- 29 My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day.
- 30 But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne,
- 31 he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption.
- 32 God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses.
- 33 Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the holy Spirit from the Father and poured it forth, as you (both) see and hear.
- 34 For David did not go up into heaven, but he himself said: The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand
- 35 until I make your enemies your footstool."
- 36 Therefore let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

- 1 Now I am reminding you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand.
- 2 Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.
- 3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures;
- 4 that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures;
- 5 that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.
- 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.
- 7 After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.
- 8 Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me.
- 9 For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
- 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God [that is] with me.
- 11 Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**John 20:1-10**

- 1 On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.
- 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."
- 3 So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.
- 4 They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first;
- 5 he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.
- 6 When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,
- 7 and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.
- 8 Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.
- 9 For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead.
- 10 Then the disciples returned home.