

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of April 20, 2025**  
**"The Resurrection"**

**THE TOMB**

**Sunday .....Read John 20:1-10**

*"The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre."* Just as was the practice of the day, the body of Jesus was placed in a tomb. That tomb belonged to one of the followers of Jesus, a man by the name of Joseph. We read of His burial in Matthew 27:59-60: *"And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed."* Those who loved Him probably considered it His final resting place. It was the proper thing to do; give Him a proper burial. This is an important occurrence: it would be proof of His death and would quiet the skeptics who would surely come along after His resurrection. Yes, Jesus conquered death, giving hope to all who would place their trust in Him!

**THE QUESTION**

**Monday ..... Read Mark 16:1-3**

*"And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?"* Those close to Jesus wanted to pay their respects to the memory of the departed loved one. We read this in the first and second verses: *"And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun."* This is common today when many people go to cemeteries to visit graves of those whom they knew. As the women neared the tomb, a question occurred to them that they had apparently not considered before: how would they get passed the huge stone guarding the entrance. They proceeded by faith hoping they would be able to get into the tomb. God honored their faith: the stone was gone!

**THE EMPTY TOMB**

**Tuesday ..... Read Matthew 28:1-6**

*"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."* To the amazement of those who came to visit the tomb of Jesus, they were visited by an angel sent by God. That angel had a very important and surprising announcement: the tomb was empty! They must have been shocked. But they proceeded and found that the message was true. The tomb was empty, Jesus did arise from the dead on the third day. He had conquered death: easily the greatest victory in the history of the world! Some of the opponents of Jesus

had done what they could do to secure the tomb because of the teaching that He would arise from the dead. Obviously God stymied their efforts, and Jesus rose from the dead!

### **HIS APPEARANCE**

**Wednesday .....Read John 20:10-15**

*"Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away."* When Mary discovered the tomb was empty, she assumed that someone had removed His body. Obviously, she was very sad about not being able to pay her respects to the one she loved so much. When Jesus appeared, she assumed it was one of the gardeners. She asked him where he had placed the body of Jesus, not realizing she was talking to Jesus. Can you imagine the emotion when she came to realize she was actually talking to Jesus. He arose from the dead!

### **BIBLICAL IGNORANCE**

**Thursday .....Read Matthew 22:28-31**

*"Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God."* One could argue that the greatest tragedy anyone could experience is to be ignorant of God's Word. To miss God's truth is to remain ignorant of the origin of life and the meaning of life. It is to miss out on God's teaching. By not knowing the truth of God, the skeptics are left with only human speculation: a tragedy. How sad that there are probably more people that believe in Darwin's theory of evolution than God's creation. Yes, God has to be offended: sadly!

### **MEMORIZATION**

**Friday .....Read Psalm 119:8-11**

*"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."* The most important book in the world is the Bible. The Bible is God's Word written by those who were inspired by the Holy Spirit. How wonderful that God would want us to have answers to our questions about life and the meaning of life. Since it is God's instruction book for living, it is good to memorize verses and even passages. Not only does that show a love and respect for God, it gives proper instruction for living according to God's plan! Quoting Scriptures gives the power to overcome evil.

### **SHARING SCRIPTURE**

**Saturday ..... Read Mark 16:10-15**

*"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."* This instruction of Jesus to His followers is very important! God's enemy, the devil, has brought forth a lot of deception: false teaching. Our Heavenly Father is relying on true believers to share the truth to counteract the devil's attempts to spread falsehood. His lies are most dangerous in churches that teach things that are contrary to Biblical truth. This is where the devil is most dangerous! This is why God gave the command in Acts 17:11: *"They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."* God is relying on true believers to learn the Scriptures and share them with others!