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EASTER SUNDAY



PALM SUNDAY

Unexpected King

Hosanna - "I beg you to save!" or "please deliver us!"



GOOD FRIDAY

Unexpected Death

John 19:30: When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.



RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Unexpected Power



In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.



ACTS 1:1-3

Jesus reveals himself to 500, James, Paul (1 Corinthians 15:6-9), Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18), Thomas (John 20:24-29), Peter (1 Corinthians 15:5).



²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.



ACTS 2:21-24

²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—

- God spoke of Jesus
- Works and wonders points towards Jesus' divinity



ACTS 2:21-24

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name (John 20:30,31).

- Jesus fulfills prophecy



ACTS 2:21-24

JESUS FULFILLS PROPHECY

1. The Messiah would ride in on a donkey (Matt 21:7)
2. The Messiah would be called God's Son (Mark 1:11)
3. That the Messiah would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Matt 27:3)
4. The Messiah would be pierced (John 19:31-37)
5. The Messiah would be a suffering servant (John 12:37-38, 1 Peter 2:21-25)

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JESUS FULFILLS PROPHECY

6. The Messiah would be born of a virgin (Luke 1:31-35)
7. The Messiah would be the rejected cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20)
8. The Messiah would be resurrected (Psalm 16:8-11, Acts 13:35-37)

Scholars argue between 200 and 400 prophecies fulfilled.

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²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.



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JESUS VALIDATES HIS MINISTRY

³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

1 Cor 15:17: And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

Leon's paraphrase - But because Christ has been raised, your faith is not futile and you are no longer shackled to your sins.



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PETER - A CHANGED MAN

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- Peter's Denial (John 19:15-27)



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Romans 6:8-11: Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



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³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."



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ACTS 2:37-39

³⁶ "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."



ACTS 2:36



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