

John: Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

John 18-21

Bearing Witness to the Truth

John 18

²⁸ Then they (officials from the Caiaphas, the High Priest) brought **Jesus** from **Caiaphas** to the **Praetorium** (palace of Pilate, the Roman governor, and Roman command center). It was early morning, and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium, in order that they not be defiled but may eat the **Passover**.

²⁹ **Pilate**, therefore, went outside to them and he asks, *"What charge are you bringing against this person?"*

³⁰ *"If he were not **doing something bad**,"* they replied, *"we would not have handed him over to you."*

³¹ Pilate said, *"Take him yourselves and judge him according to your own law."*

The Jewish leaders said, *"It's not lawful for us to **execute anyone**."*

³² So the word of Jesus was filled up which he spoke to give a sign of **the kind of death he was going to die**.

³³ Pilate then went back inside the Praetorium, summoned Jesus and asked him, *"**Are you the king of the Jews?**"*

³⁴ *"Are you asking this from yourself,"* Jesus asked, *"or did others talk to you about me?"*

³⁵ Pilate replied. *"I'm not a Jew am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. **What did you do?**"*

³⁶ Jesus answered, *"**My own kingdom is not from this cosmos / world**. If my kingdom were from this world, my helpers would have been struggling (agonizein) in order that I not be handed over to the Jewish leaders. But now (as a matter of fact) **my kingdom is not from here**."*

³⁷ *"So, you are a king!"* said Pilate.

Jesus answered, *"You express it by saying I'm a **king**." I myself have been born for this purpose and for this purpose I've come into the world, in order that I may testify to the truth / reality. Everyone who is from the truth hears my voice."*

³⁸ Pilate says to him, *“What is truth?”*

When he said this, he went outside again to the Jewish leaders and says to them, *“I find nothing in him as a legal charge.”* ³⁹ *But you have a custom that I release to you one person at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you ‘the king of the Jews’?”*

⁴⁰ They therefore again cried aloud, *“Not him! Instead, Barabbas!”*
Now Barabbas was an insurrectionist.

“Shall I Crucify Your King?”

John 19

¹ Then **Pilate** took **Jesus** and had him **scourged**.

² The soldiers plaited a **crown from thorns** and set it on his head, and threw around him in a **purple robe**. ³ And they started coming to him and saying, *“Hail, the King of the Jews!”* And they **assaulted** him with **slaps in the face**.

⁴ And again Pilate came outside and said to the Jews, *“Look, I’m bringing him outside to you to let you know that I find **no legal charge** in him.”*

⁵ When Jesus came outside wearing the thorn-studded crown and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, *“**Look, the human!**”* (*anthropos*)

⁶ As soon as the chief priests and their helpers saw him, they cried aloud, *“**Crucify! Crucify!**”*

But Pilate answered, *“**You take him and crucify him**, since I myself find **no legal charge** in him.”*

⁷ The Jewish leaders insisted, *“We have a **law**, and according to that law **he ought to die**, because he made (appointed) himself a **son of God**.”*

⁸ When Pilate heard this assertion (*logos*), he became more afraid, ⁹ and he went back inside the Praetorium, and he asks Jesus. *“Where are you from?”*

But Jesus gave him no answer.

¹⁰ Pilate therefore says to him, *“Are you not talking to me? Don’t you **know** that I have **authority** to **release** you and I have **authority** to **crucify** you?”*

¹¹ Jesus answered, “You would have **no authority** over me unless it were granted **to you from above**. Therefore, the one who handed me over to you has a greater **sin** (mistake about reality).”

¹² From this, Pilate began seeking to release Jesus, but the Jewish leaders cried aloud, “If you release this man, you’re not a friend of Caesar. Anyone who **claims to be a king** opposes Caesar.”

¹³ Therefore, when Pilate heard these assertions, he brought Jesus outside, and he sat down on the judgement seat at a place called “Stone Pavement” (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). ¹⁴ It was Preparation day for the Passover, it was about noon (sixth hour). He says to the Jewish leaders, “**Look, your king!**”

¹⁵ Therefore, they cried out, “**Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!**”

Pilate says to them, “**Shall I crucify your king?**”

The chief priests answered, “We have **no king but Caesar**.”

¹⁶ Then Pilate handed him over for them, in order that he **be crucified**.

“It is Finished!”

So they **took Jesus away**, ¹⁷ and bearing the cross(bar) by himself, he went out to the **place called “Skull”** (which in Aramaic is called **Golgotha**), ¹⁸ where they **crucified him**, and with him **two others** – one on each side, and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹ Pilate had **an inscription written** and fastened to the cross. It read:
JESUS THE NAZARENE THE KING OF THE JEWS.

²⁰ Therefore, many of the Jewish leaders read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.

²¹ Therefore, the chief priests among the Jewish leaders started speaking to Pilate, “Don’t write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that **he claimed, ‘I’m a king of the Jews.’**”

²² Pilate answered, “What I’ve written, I’ve written.”

²³ Therefore, the soldiers, when they crucified Jesus, **took his clothes** and divided them into four shares, one for each soldier, even the tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven from the upper parts through the whole.

²⁴ They said to each other. *“Let’s not split it. Rather let’s **decide by lot** whose it will be.”* So, the scripture was filled up that said,

*“They divided my garments among them
and over my clothing they **cast lots.**”* [Ps 22:18]

So this is what the soldiers did.

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood **his mother** and his mother’s **sister**, **Mary** the wife of Clopas, and **Mary** Magdalene.

²⁶ When Jesus, therefore, saw **his mother**, and **the disciple whom he loved** standing nearby, he says to his mother, *“**Woman, look, your son!**”* ²⁷ Then he says to the disciple, *“**Look, your mother!**”* And from that hour, the disciple took her into his home.

²⁸ After this, since Jesus knows that already all things have been completed, in order that the Scripture be brought to completion, he says, *“**I am thirsty.**”* [Ps 22:15; 69:21]

²⁹ A vessel was sitting there full of sour wine. When they’d put a sponge full of sour wine around a stalk of hyssop [Ex 12:22; Ps 51:7], they brought it to his mouth.

³⁰ When, therefore, he received the sour wine, Jesus said,
*“**It is completed!**”*

And when he bowed his head, he **gave up the Spirit**.

The Lamb in a Garden Tomb

³¹ Now, since it was **Preparation day**, so that the bodies not remain on the cross on the Sabbath, for the day of that Sabbath was especially important, the Jewish leaders asked **Pilate** that their **legs be broken** and they be taken away. ³² Therefore, the soldiers came and broke the legs of first one and then the other person crucified with him.

³³ But when they came to **Jesus** and saw that he had **already died**, they didn’t break his legs. ³⁴ Rather, one of the soldiers **pierced his side with a spear**, and directly **blood and water flowed out**.

³⁵ **The one who saw has borne witness**, and his **testimony is true**. And he knows that he is recounting things that are true, in order **that you also may believe**.

³⁶ These things took place in order that the scripture may be filled up:

“His bone will not be broken,” [Ex 12:46; Ps 34:20]

³⁷ and again another scripture says,

“They’ll look on the one they pierced.” [Zech 12:10, cf 12:10-13:1]

³⁸ After this, Pilate was requested by **Joseph from Arimathea**, since he was a **disciple of Jesus**, but **hidden** because his fear of the Jewish leaders, that he may take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave permission. So, he came and **took his body**.

³⁹ **Nicodemus** also came, the one who at first came to him by night, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds (a hundred libra). ⁴⁰ They therefore took the **body of Jesus**, and **bound it with fine linen** along with the aromatic spices, as is customary for the Jews to prepare it for entombment.

⁴¹ There was a garden in the area where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a **new tomb**, in which no one had been laid. ⁴² Since it was the Jews’ Preparation day and because the tomb was close by, **they laid Jesus there**.

A Race to an Empty Tomb

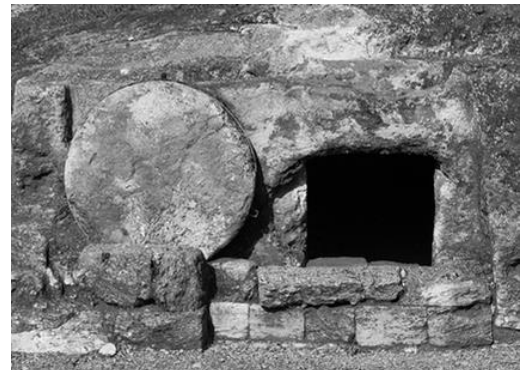
John 20

¹ On the **first day of the week**, **Mary Magdalene** comes to the tomb very early, while it’s still dark, and sees that the **stone has been removed from the tomb**.

² She runs, therefore and comes to **Simon Peter** and to **the other disciple** whom Jesus loved, and she tells them, *“They took the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him!”*

³ Therefore, **Peter** and the **other disciple** went out and started going to the tomb. ⁴ The two were **running together**, and the other disciple ran ahead more quickly than Peter and came first to the tomb. ⁵ And when he stooped down, he sees the **linen cloths** lying there, but he **didn’t go in**.

⁶ Thus **Simon Peter** also comes following him and entered **into the tomb**. He also observes the **linen cloths lying there**, ⁷ as well as the **cloth** that



was **around his head**, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up separately in one place.

⁸ Then, **the other disciple**, who came first to the tomb, also **went inside**, and **he saw and he believed**. ⁹ For they **still didn't know from Scripture that it was necessary for him to rise from the dead.**)

¹⁰ The disciples then went back to their group.

"I Have Seen the Lord!"

¹¹ But Mary stood at the tomb weeping outside. As she was weeping, she stooped **into the tomb** ¹² and she sees **two angels** in white, seated one at the head and the other at the feet, where Jesus' body used to lie.

¹³ They say to her, ***"Woman, why are you crying?"***

She says to them, ***"They took away my Lord, and I don't know where they placed him."***

¹⁴ After she said this, she turned around behind her and **sees Jesus** standing there, and she didn't know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus says to her, ***"Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"***

She, thinking he's the gardener, says to him, ***"Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you placed him, and I myself will take him."***

¹⁶ Jesus says to her, ***"Mary."***

When she turned toward him, she says to him in Aramaic, ***"Rabboni!"*** (which means *"Teacher"*).

¹⁷ Jesus said, ***"Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, even my God and your God.'"***

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene comes announcing to **the disciples**, ***"I've seen the Lord!"*** and that he said these things to her.

¹⁹ When it was evening of that **first day of the week**, and when the **doors locked** where the disciples were because of their fear of the Jewish leaders, **Jesus came** and stood in their midst. And he says to them,

“Peace to you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he **showed them his hands and side**. Therefore, the disciples were **full of joy** when they **saw the Lord**.

²¹ Again Jesus said to them, **“Peace to you! Just as the Father has sent me, I’m also sending you.”**

²² And after he said this, he **breathed in them** [Gn 2:7] and says to them, **“Receive Holy Spirit.”** ²³ *If you release (forgive) the sins of any, they are released for them; if for any you hold them, they are held.”*

“My Lord and My God!” John 20:19-31

²⁴ Now **Thomas**, one of the **Twelve**, (who was called Didymus), was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples started telling him, **“We’ve seen the Lord!”**

But he said to them, **“Unless I see in his hands the nail marks and put my finger in the nail marks, and put my hand into his side, I certainly won’t believe.”**

²⁶ And after eight days (a week), again his disciples were inside, and Thomas was with them. Although the **doors** were **locked**, **Jesus comes** and stood in their midst and said, **“Peace to you!”**

²⁷ Then he says to **Thomas**, **“Reach your finger here and observe my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Don’t continue faithless but believing.”**

²⁸ In reply Thomas said to him, **“My Lord and my God!”**

²⁹ Jesus says to him, **“Because you have seen me, you have come to believe; blessed are those who, though they’ve not seen, have also come to believe.”**

³⁰ Jesus indeed did **many other signs** in the presence of his **disciples**, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these have been written in order that **you (pl) may believe that Jesus is the Anointed King (Christos), the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**

“You Know that I Love You”

John 21

¹ Afterward **Jesus** showed himself again to his **disciples**, by the Sea of Tiberias (Galilee). He appeared in this way: ² They were together: **Simon**

Peter, Thomas called **Didymus, Nathanael** from Cana in Galilee, the **sons of Zebedee**, and **two others from the disciples**.

³ Simon Peter says to them, *"I'm going out to **fish**,"* and they say, *"We're also coming with you."* So they went out and got into the boat, but during that night, they **caught nothing**.

⁴ When early morning came, **Jesus was standing on the beach**, but the **disciples** did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ He calls out to them, *"Children, don't you have any fish to eat?"*

"No," they answered.

⁶ He said to them, *"Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you'll find some."* So they cast, and now they didn't have the strength to haul it in because of the **hoard of fish**.

⁷ Then that **disciple whom Jesus loved** says to **Peter**, *"It's the Lord!"* As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, *"It is the Lord,"* he tied on his outer garment (for he was undressed) and **dove into the sea**.

⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, for they weren't far from shore, about a hundred yards (200 cubits), towing the net full of fish. ⁹ As they landed, they see a **charcoal fire** there with **fish** on it, and some **bread**. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, *"Bring some of the fish you have just caught."*

¹¹ Simon Peter climbed aboard and helped drag the net ashore. It was **full of large fish, 153**, but even with so many the **net was not torn**.

¹² Jesus says to them, *"Come, eat breakfast."*

None of the disciples dared to examine him, *"Who are you?"* since they **knew** it was the **Lord**.

¹³ Jesus comes and **takes the bread** and **gives it to them**, and likewise the **fish**. ¹⁴ This was now the **third time Jesus appeared** to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus says to Simon Peter, *"Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"*

"Yes, Lord," he says, *"you know that I love you."*

Jesus said, *"Feed my lambs."*

¹⁶ Again a second time Jesus says to him, *"Simon son of John, do you love me?"*

He says to him, *"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."*

Jesus said, *“Shepherd my sheep.”*

¹⁷ He says to him the third time, *“Simon son of John, do you love me?”*

Peter was grieved because Jesus said to him the **third** time, *“Do you love me?”* He said, *“Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”*

Jesus said, *“Feed my sheep.”* ¹⁸ *Very truly (amen amen) I’m telling you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and would walk about where you wanted; but **when you are old** you will stretch out your hands, and **someone else will dress you and carry you where you don’t want to go.**”*

¹⁹ Jesus said this to give a sign of **the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God**. And after saying this, he says to him, *“Follow me!”*

The Beloved Disciple

²⁰ When Peter turned, he sees the **disciple whom Jesus loved following** them. This was the one who reclined against Jesus at the supper and said, *“Lord, who is the one handing you over?”* [13:25] ²¹ When Peter saw him, he says to Jesus, *“Lord, what about him?”*

²² Jesus says to him, *“If I want him to remain until I come, **what is that to you? You, follow me!**”*

²³ Because of this, the **word spread** out among the brothers and sisters that **this disciple would not die**. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, *“If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?”*

²⁴ This is **the disciple who is bearing witness concerning these things and who wrote them down**. We know that **his testimony is true**.

²⁵ Jesus did **many other things as well**. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.