



# BBC UPDATE



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## THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS OF NAZARETH

### Introduction

The Lord Jesus Christ was resurrected on the first day of the week, Sunday (Mt. 28:1). For the Jews, the first day of week started at 6:01 PM Saturday and ended at 6:01 PM Sunday (Gen. 1:2-5). Later, on Sunday morning as the sun was rising and dawn was coming,<sup>1</sup> the women realized that Jesus of Nazareth had already arisen. The women affirmed what the angel averred, saying, *“He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay”* (Mt. 28:6; Lk, 24:34). His resurrection occurred seventy-two hours after His burial, as the Lord had predicted earlier, saying, *“But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a **sign**; and there shall no **sign** be given to it, but the **sign** of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth”* (Mt. 12:39-40). Jonah’s entombment in the whale was a sign and must be taken literally. All signs must be literal to be of any value.<sup>2</sup> Certainly, the signs of Scripture are literal as the sign of the virgin birth must be literal: *“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel”* (Isa. 7:14). The literal fulfillment was in the literal virgin Mary who had a literal virgin conception and gave a literal birth to Jesus of Nazareth (Mt. 1:23-25).



<sup>1</sup> The LORD has given the physical sign of the rising sun, testifying daily of the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, saying, *“But unto you that fear my name shall the **Sun of righteousness arise** with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall”* (Mal. 4:2).

<sup>2</sup> Expressions such as *“be raised again the third day”* (Mt. 16:21; 17:23; 20:19, *et al*) are figurative and must conform to the literal.

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# THE RESURRECTION (CONTINUED)

## Chronology

Prior to his Sunday resurrection, the Lord died on Wednesday afternoon and was entombed by Wednesday 6:01 PM (i.e., Thursday), being in the grave Thursday to Friday (Day 1), Friday to Saturday (Day 2), and Saturday to Sunday (Day 3), or seventy-two hours. This is also supported by the women and their spices. Since Scripture asserted that the first day after Passover was a Sabbath (Lev. 23:3-8), Luke revealed that the women rested on this Sabbath, saying, “*And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment*” (Lk. 23:56), and then, after the regular Sabbath day, they returned, “*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*” (Mk. 16:1).

## Sunday Worship

Sunday commemorates the resurrection of the Saviour, as the expression “*first day of the week*” demands (cf. Mt. 28:1; Mk. 16:2, 9; Lk. 24:1; Jn. 20:1, 19; Acts 20:7; and I Cor. 16:2 ). In fact, on Pentecost (literally “fifty days” [the day after 49 Sabbaths], the LORD with signs and wonders demonstrated to the Jews that the LORD inaugurated publicly a new day (Sunday), in His new institution (Baptist assembly), and with a culminating message (the final sacrifice, the Lamb of God). The factual truth of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ was established by at least two or three witnesses (Dt. 17:6; 19:15), but certainly the evidence of the empty tomb, and the order of eye witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus are more than the required two or three witnesses: 1. Mary Magdalene and other women (Mt. 28:8-10; Mk. 16:9-10; Jn. 20:11-18); 2. Peter (Lk. 24:34; I Cor. 15:5); 3. The disciples on the Emmaus Road (Mk. 16:12; Lk. 24:13-32); 4. The disciples minus Thomas in the Upper Room (Lk. 24:36-43; Jn. 20:19-25); 5. Again, the disciples with Thomas (Mk. 16:14; Jn. 20:26-29); 6. The seven disciples (Jn. 21:1-24); 7. The apostles, 500 brethren, and James (I Cor. 15:6-7); 8. And the witnesses of the Ascension (Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:19; Lk. 24:44-53; Acts 1:3-12).

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<sup>3</sup> Roman Catholics have essentially flummoxed many Protestants, Fundamentalists, and Baptists about “*Easter*.” They are wrong about a “*Good Friday*” with associated heresies such as “*Lent*,” and the “*crucifix*” is anti-Gospel since the Lord is off the Cross and not entombed. The Bible message is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and symbolized by an empty Cross. His death would accomplish nothing without His resurrection (Eph. 1:13-23)! “*Easter*” was so named because it was the day to honor Herald’s fertility goddess, *Ishtar*, with Ishtar eggs (see Acts 12:1-4). Passover occurred **before**, not **after**, the days of unleavened bread (Lev. 23:5-6)!

## THE RESURRECTION (CONTINUED)

### Prophecy

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ was predicted at least two thousand years prior by the sage Job, who prophesied that both he and his Redeemer would resurrect, saying, *“For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.”* (Job. 19:25-27). David averred the same truth, saying, *“I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore”* (Ps. 16:8-11) and affirmed by Peter (Acts 2:25-33), and by Paul (Acts 13:35-37). As well, both Isaiah (Isa. 26:19) and Daniel (Dan. 12:1-2) prophesied of the doctrine of the resurrection. Of course, there was never any resurrection until the Lord Jesus Christ was resurrected, since He was *“the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence”* (Col. 1:18). Some OT and NT individuals were resuscitated, but they were not resurrected (I Ki. 17:21-22; II Ki. 13:21; Jn. 11:43-44)!



### For Saints

Until the Rapture of NT saints (I Thes. 4:14-18) and the Revelation of the OT saints (Dan. 12:1-2), believers who die have a temporary body (Lk. 16:23-24) clothed with white robes (Rev. 6:11; 7:9). The resurrected believer will have a resurrected body like the Lord Jesus (I Jn. 3:2). This body will be an adult body fully developed, glorious, eternal, powerful, without pain and tears, corporal, recognizable, and extra dimensional (I Cor. 15:35-58).

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# THE RESURRECTION (CONCLUSION)

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The Bible is replete with the prophecy and fulfillment of the resurrection of the precious Lord, having numerous eyewitnesses of the empty tomb and the presence of the resurrected Jesus. All will be resurrected either to life or damnation (Jn. 5:29; Isa. 66:22-24), and for believers, they will enjoy a resurrected body like unto the Lord Jesus. The possibility of this resurrected body is imminent! *“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord”* (I Cor. 15:58).



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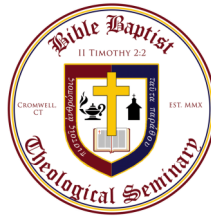
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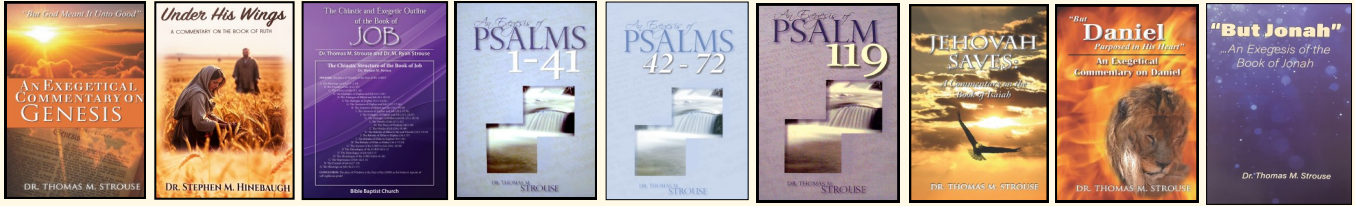
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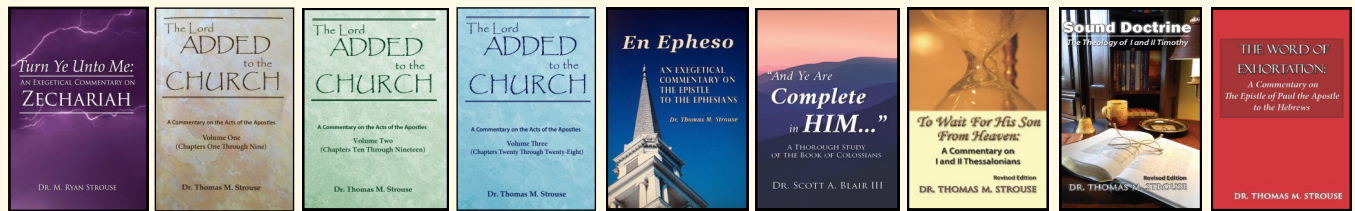
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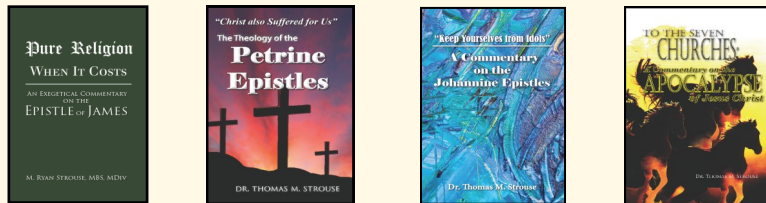
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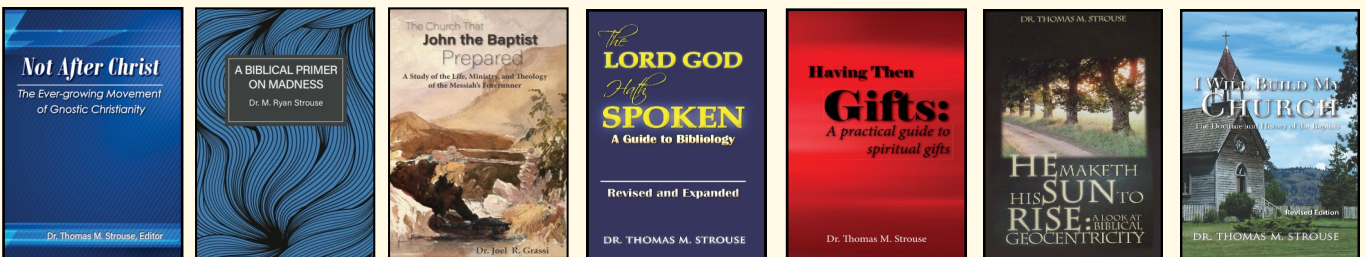
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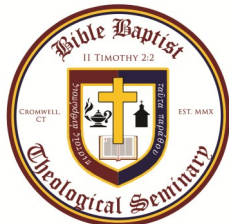


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