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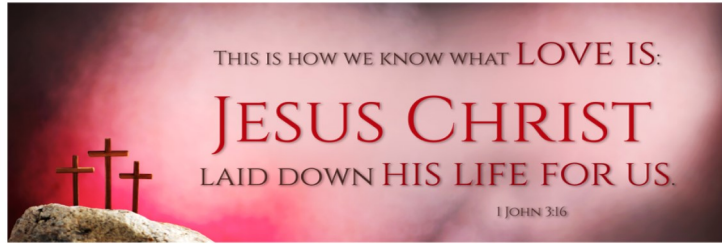
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Plan of Salvation:

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever shall believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Romans 10:9

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

The Significance of Good Friday & Easter

Good Friday is a holiday celebrated by the Christian Church in commemoration of the day Jesus died on a cross. Christians believe that the death of Jesus as a willing sacrifice paid the penalty for the sinfulness of humanity. As a result, we can receive forgiveness today.

Kingdom of Heaven.

Three years later, the Jewish religious leaders (who felt threatened by Jesus' rising popularity) conspired against him. The Bible describes how they paid people to give false accusations against Jesus, implying that Jesus was rebelling against the Roman authorities that were ruling over Israel at the time.

Christians around the world consider Jesus to have been God in the flesh—the second member of the Trinity. (The Trinity is the understanding that God is one in essence but exists with three centers of personhood.) Seeing the hopeless and sinful condition of humanity, he chose to enter into Creation in the form of the man, Jesus Christ.

Jesus was subsequently arrested, put on trial, and sentenced to execution by crucifixion. After verifying that he was dead by thrusting a sword through his side, the Romans allowed the body to be taken down and down and buried in a tomb belonging to Joseph of Arimathea. Guards were stationed to watch over the tomb to ensure that no one, especially the disciples, tried to do anything to the body.

Arriving as a baby born to a virgin named Mary, Jesus grew up among us. At about the age of 30, Jesus began his public ministry of teaching, healing, and proclaiming the

The Bible reveals that this was all part of God's plan from the beginning. Several Old Testa-

ment prophecies written centuries earlier foretold the crucifixion of Jesus in detail—even before crucifixion became a common form of execution.

So why was the death of Jesus necessary? According to Christian teaching, God is a God of love as well as a God of justice. His love desired to offer forgiveness to all of humanity for its sinful rebellion against him. But his justice demanded that wrongs be punished, and the punishment for rebellion against God is death. So the solution was for God to become a man and pay the penalty in our place.

However, Christians also recognize that Jesus' death was only temporary. On the third day—the day we know as **Easter**—his tomb was found empty. Over the next forty days, hundreds of eyewitnesses reported seeing Jesus alive. He had walked with them, taught them, and eaten with them. Their conclusion: Jesus had risen from the dead.



"Things were going great until she suggested we go to a china shop."

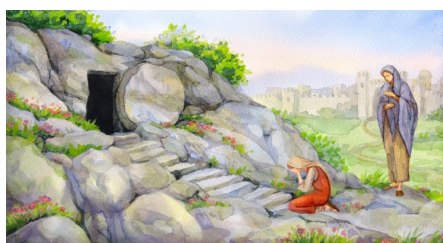


The women at the tomb: Jesus has risen

Very early on Sunday morning, the women went to Jesus' tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared.

One who is alive? He is not here; he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was in Galilee: 'The

They found the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb, so they went in; but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.



They stood there puzzled about this, when suddenly two angels in bright shining clothes stood by them. Full of fear, the women bowed down to the ground as the angels said to them, "Why are you looking among the dead for

Son of Man must be handed over to sinful men, be crucified, and three days later rise to life."

The women remembered His words, returned from the tomb, and told all of these

things to the disciples and all the rest.

The women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary, the mother of James. They and the other women told these things to the apostles. But the apostles thought that what they said was nonsense and they did not believe them.

Peter got up and ran to the tomb. He bent down and saw the grave cloths, but nothing else. Then he went back home, amazed at what happened.

Luke 24 - Good News Bible

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