

EASTER

Many Christians consider that Easter Sunday is the most holy of the religious holidays.

Act 12:4 And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after **Easter** to bring him forth to the people.

The word for Easter is translated in Gk. as “Passover”.

The early church believers were instructed not to observe the usual Jewish holidays such as “Passover”; for the Apostle’s doctrine was considered more appropriate for the church. (Acts 2: 42)

Act 2:42 And **they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship**, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Mat 15:9 But in vain they do worship me, **teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.**

Jesus had tried to introduce a better way of worship. Notice His words (Mat 15:9), “in vain they do worship me”.

Paul said it in a much stronger way. (Gal 4:9)

Gal 4:9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, **how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements**, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

Gal 4:10 **Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.**

Gal 4:11 I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

The Easter remembrance is noted during and after the first century A.D.

THE CRUCIXION

Mat 27:33 And when they were come unto a place called **Golgotha**, that is to say, **a place of a skull,**

Mat 27:34 They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted *thereof*, he would not drink.

Mat 27:35 **And they crucified him**, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, **They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.**

Mat 27:36 And sitting down they watched him there;

Mat 27:37 And set up over his head his accusation written, **THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

Mat 27:38 Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

Mat 27:39 And **they that passed by reviled him**, wagging their heads,

Mat 27:40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest *it* in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Mat 27:41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking *him*, with the scribes and elders, said,

Mat 27:42 **He saved others; himself he cannot save.** If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

Mat 27:43 **He trusted in God; let him deliver him now**, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

Mat 27:44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

Mat 27:45 Now **from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.**

Mat 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**

Mat 27:47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard *that*, said, This *man* calleth for Elias.

Mat 27:48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled *it* with vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink.

Mat 27:49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

Mat 27:50 **Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.**

The immediate results of the death of Christ appear in the following verses.

Mat 27:51 And, behold, **the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;**

Mat 27:52 And **the graves were opened;** and many bodies of **the saints which slept arose,**

Mat 27:53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Mat 27:54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, **Truly this was the Son of God.**

Mat 28:1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

Mat 28:2 And, **behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.**

THE RESURRECTION

Mat 28:3 **His countenance was like lightning**, and his raiment white as snow:

Mat 28:4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*.

Mat 28:5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, **Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.**

Mat 28:6 **He is not here: for he is risen**, as he said. **Come, see the place where the Lord lay.**

Mat 28:7 And go quickly, and **tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead**; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

Mat 28:8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

Mat 28:9 And as they went to tell his disciples, **behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail.** And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

Mat 28:10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: **go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.**

THE COMMISSION

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

Mat 28:19 **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, **lo, I am with you alway**, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

If Christ was not raised

1Co 15:14 And if Christ be not risen, then *is* **our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.**

1Co 15:15 Yea, and **we are found false witnesses of God**; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

1Co 15:16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

1Co 15:17 And **if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.**

1Co 15:18 Then **they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.**

Other impacts of Christ's resurrection

It verifies the deity of Christ.

Rom 1:4 And declared *to be the Son of God with power*, according to the spirit of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead:**

Act 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that **God hath made** that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, **both Lord and Christ.**

Joh 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again, and receive you unto myself;** that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

Mat 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body.**

Mat 26:27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

Mat 26:28 **For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**

Joh 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.**

Joh 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again, and receive you unto myself;** that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

Joh 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: **for if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

1Co 11:23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, **That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread:**

1Co 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.**

1Co 11:25 After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying,
This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

1Co 11:26 **For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.**

1Co 11:27 Wherefore **whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.**

1Co 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.

1Co 11:29 For **he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.**

1Co 11:30 For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

I separated the verses because the serious nature of their content. We need to be holy and worthy vessels; that is the only way we can qualify to take the communion elements in remember His death.