

# Hope of the Resurrection

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## Introduction

Last week we looked at the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

He was announcing Himself as the returning Son of David and presenting Himself as King.

He also entered Jerusalem on “Lamb Selection Day”. This was the day that the Passover Lamb was brought into the city. There it will be scrutinized for 4 days to make sure it was without spot or blemish.

Jesus will spend the next four days among the people where they can scrutinize Him.

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## Rejection

Jesus spent the next several days preaching and presenting Himself to the people.

Jesus had fulfilled the prophecies and had proved He was the Messiah by His words, works, and miracles.

The offer He presented to Israel was much like He does today. Is one willing to forsake their way and follow His.

For the established religious and political establishments the cost was too high. They were unwilling to relinquish power and they feared the Romans more than God.

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## Rejection

The Religious Leaders were unable to discredit Jesus by pointing out that He did not fulfill prophecy. Rather they pointed how Jesus did not follow their traditions.

Matthew 15:7-9

Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:

<sup>8</sup>“These people draw near to Me with their mouth,  
And honor Me with their lips,  
But their heart is far from Me.

<sup>9</sup>And in vain they worship Me,  
Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

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## Betrayal

Jesus was betrayed by a friend.

Matthew 26:14-16

Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

Here is another link to David's leaving Jerusalem during Absalom's rebellion. Ahithophel was one of David's trusted advisors who plotted with Absalom how to best kill David. He also went out and hung himself (Sam. 17:23).

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## Betrayal

Jesus was betrayed for 30 pieces of silver. This was not a lot of money in Jesus' day. It was the price that was to be paid to the master for the death of a slave.

This also is a fulfillment of Old Testament Prophecy.

In Zechariah 11:4-17, Zechariah is called by God to shepherd sheep doomed for slaughter. He takes care of the poor and needy sheep, while those overseeing were only interested in their wealth.

Zechariah has 2 staves, one called grace the other unity.

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## Betrayal

Zechariah breaks the staff called grace in two. The passage explains this as the breaking or dissolving of the covenant.

Zechariah 11:12-13

Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.

<sup>13</sup> And the Lord said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord for the potter.

The passage goes on to say that Zechariah breaks the other staff unity. From our perspective, Jesus betrayal brought a halt to the 70 weeks of Daniel at week 69.

At the end of the chapter, God turns them over to a harsh shepherd since they rejected His.

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## Betrayal

Jesus was the Shepherd who cared for the outcast. Yet the leaders were only interested in their wealth and position. What worth did they put on Jesus – 30 pieces of silver. The price of a slave.

Like Zechariah, Judas threw his money into the temple where it was used for the potter's field.

Jesus was betrayed with a kiss, tried illegally, found without fault (Passover declaration of purity), and turned over to be crucified.

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## Crucified

Jesus was crucified

Mark 15:25

Now it was the third hour, and  
they crucified Him.

The writers of Scripture were careful in  
recording the times of the crucifixion.

The third hour would be our 9:00 AM  
This is the time of the 1<sup>st</sup> morning sacrifice.

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## Crucified

Mark 15:33-37 tells us that Jesus died on the 9<sup>th</sup> hour  
which would be our 3:00 PM.

This was the time of the evening sacrifices. However this  
was also the day before Passover (would start at  
Sundown). Scripture states that the Lamb was to be  
sacrificed after noon and had to be cooked and the meal  
prepared before evening.

From 12 to 3 (our time) it was dark. A symbol of our sin  
being placed upon Jesus upon the cross.

Don't miss this, Jesus our Passover Lamb was sacrificed  
when the normal Passover lambs were being sacrificed.

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## Final Words

Jesus said several things upon the cross, but as He died, He cried out “It is finished!” The work that He came to do was finished. The sacrifice for sin had been made and there was nothing left for man to do but to accept His gift of salvation.

Our sin was paid in full!

Jesus also did not die at the hands of man; He commanded His spirit to depart His body. This ties to the fact that Jesus is our Great High Priest and offered Himself as the final sacrifice for our sin!

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## Buried

Jesus’ body was placed into an unused tomb.

The evil forces of this world celebrated and thought that they had won.

Messiah had not set up His Kingdom and lay dead in the grave.

It is true that the Hero of our story died, but that was not the end of the story.

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## Resurrection

Just as Jesus had prophesied, He rose again on the third day.

This is the Father's declaration that Jesus' payment for sin was sufficient to cover all our sin.

This is the Good New – The Gospel.  
Jesus died for our sin, was buried and rose again.

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## So What ... Real Hope

The Resurrection gives us hope!

- Our sins are forgiven
- We have a restored relationship with our Creator God.
- Just as Jesus rose from the grave, we to will be resurrected to eternal life and peace.

Jesus paid the price. Have you accepted His free gift of Salvation?

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