



# Logos Class Resurrection *What Does It Mean?*

**April 27, 2025  
Module 5, Room 1**

# Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ ***Palm Sunday*** – *Apr 13, 2025*
  - ✓ *Daily emails for Passion Week*
- ✓ ***Resurrection Sunday*** – *Apr 20, 2025*
- ✓ ***April 27, 2025 – What does it mean?***
- *May 4, 2025 – Revelation Intro-Ch 1A*
  - *Manor Lake – Daniel Ch 11B/12*
- *May 11, 2025 – **Charlie Owens** teaching*
- *May 18, 2025 – **Barry Hoover** teaching*
- *May 25, 2025 – Revelation- Ch 1B*

# Addendum to Resurrection Lessons

- *Finish what we did not finish last week and answer the Q...*
- ***Did Jesus rise from the dead?** Final thoughts and an exploration of the claim's validity, as well as the results or differences it makes.*
- *What does it mean for us, as believers in 2025?*
- *Do we have a “call to action”?*

<https://biblestudyforyou.com/bible-verses-about-the-death-and-resurrection-of-jesus-christ/>

[https://www.openbible.info/topics/resurrection\\_of\\_jesus](https://www.openbible.info/topics/resurrection_of_jesus)

# Last 2 Week Review

- *The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem – This day we also call Palm Sunday is the day predicted in the OT when the Messiah would declare himself to the Jews as the Messiah (Christ)*
- *The upheaval and plots by the Jews to eliminate Him for Blasphemy, culminating in a sham trial at night and a Roman review to pronounce the death penalty*
- *The Passover week activities that speak to His purpose and God's plan for redemption*
- *Death, Burial, and Resurrection on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day*
- *Today, we finish our discussion on His Resurrection and why it is so important for us in 2025*

# *Why is the Resurrection so Important?*

- *Because Christ was raised from the dead, we know that God has entered into earth's history, and we are headed for redemption, not disaster. God's power is at work destroying sin, creating new lives, and preparing us for the Lord's return*
- *The Resurrection proves that death has been conquered, and we too will be raised to be with the Lord. We are made new, with His Spirit in us.*
- *It gives authority to the witness of the church in the world today*
- *It helps us find meaning in the great tragedies of life. No matter what happens in this life we have Hope for the future and seeing our loved ones again in Heaven*
- *It gives us assurance our Lord is alive and with the Father in Heaven*
- *The power of the Resurrection is available to us through the Holy Spirit that lives in us.*
- *It assures believers of being Heaven-bound- Our real Home for eternity*

## Matthew 28:16-20 *Instruction...Great Commission*

After Matthew tells us of the day of the Resurrection and the story of the guards, he moves to a meeting the disciples had with the Risen Christ in Galilee, and Jesus gives them the following instructions...

*16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.*

*17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.*

*18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.***

***19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,***

***20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”***

# Final Resurrection day thoughts...

- *Resurrection Sunday is what makes Christianity different from other “religions.”*
- *We have a sure path to salvation, and an eternity with the Lord when we accept His free gift of Salvation...**accept by Faith alone, in Christ alone***
- *This day is a pivot point for the opening for the children of God to be Gentiles and not just Jews. This transition completes at Pentecost with the coming of the Holy Spirit who lives in us and seals us for salvation and eternity.*
- *We must share this Good News with the world and disciple and grow new believers to be followers of the Lord. I believe the time is short, and we are living in the foreshadowing of the Tribulation Period...The Rapture is coming soon*
- *We must focus on who we are, and whose we are, while living in the dangerous and chaotic world we find ourselves in today. **Keep looking up!***

**HE IS RISEN...HE IS RISEN INDEED**

# What is Jesus really asking them (and us) to do?

*This is an important call to action for us.*

- *Go into **all the world** (don't just wait at church for them to show up, as you go...)*
- ***Make disciples** (note not just evangelize but make disciples)*
- ***Baptizing them** in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*
- ***Teaching them** to obey all Jesus has commanded.*

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# My thoughts about this...

*I realize that as a Bible Teacher, I think always in terms of discipleship and teaching, but these **are** the main points. The church building is not where we reach the community for Christ, but it is one of the places where discipleship takes place. It is also one of the places where Fellowship and Prayer take place. **It is a wonderful experience to be a part of a functioning church.***

*I can't tell you how thankful I am for a church family that both values Bible Understanding and teaching and has a willingness to listen and learn.*

*For this Easter season, I am not only thankful to God for all He has done for Vicki and me and is doing for us now, but **I am also so thankful to be in a family of believers here who are not only willing but eager to help one another.***

*Thank you to the care group leaders, directors, prayer warriors, and everyone in the class who serves willingly. **We ARE the Church...the called-out ones.***

# What else we will cover today

*As a pivotal event in the history of mankind and the church, the resurrection of Christ serves as the foundation for most of the traditions and practices of the church (not **a** church, **but the church**).*

*I want to cover several important topics today. Among them are:*

- *Is the Resurrection True?*
- *Importance of the Crucifixion*
- *How do we explain it?*
- *What is the impact of the Resurrection?*
- *What about the Ascension?*
- *What is the Power in the Blood?*
- *What do we do in response?*
- *The Promise of Eternal Life?*

What about non-Biblical proof?

- *We will cover this as well*

# Things to ponder

*If someone asks whether the Resurrection is true or a made-up event by early Christians, how would you answer?*

*Let's start by saying there is little discussion of whether Jesus died on a cross during that Passover season.*

- All people of the time believed it. The Romans believed it, the Jews believed it, and the disciples and followers of Jesus believed it. The historians believed it and wrote about it.*
- His miracles, signs, and healings are not in dispute. He was killed for blasphemy against the Jews*
- Another important fact is that **Jesus was born a Jew, lived as a Jew** in perfect sinless fashion, and **died as a Jew** on the cross... **No mystic being, no false death, no great illusion***

*So, how do we answer the Q about the truthfulness of the Resurrection?*

- *One way, and the most satisfying way for Christians, is to say that **the Bible is the living word of God, and it declares that Christ died in a specific way, and 3 days later rose from the dead.***
- *This answer helps to state the basis for your belief. We believe the Bible is true, and because the Bible tells us this happened and in the specific way that was prophesied, we believe it.*
- *When you state passages that support the statement, you assert that you also believe them to be true also.*
- *Let's look at a few...*

# The Bible says Christ would die in a certain way and be raised from the grave

**ISAIAH 53:5**

*“But he was **pierced** for our transgressions, he was **crushed** for our iniquities; the **punishment that brought us peace** was on him, and by his wounds, we are healed.”*

**PSALM 22:16**

*“For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet.”*

**ZECHARIAH 12:10**

*“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him.”*

**ISAIAH 53:10**

*“Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days.”*

**DANIEL 9:26**

*“And after the sixty-two weeks, an **anointed one shall be cut off** and shall have nothing. **And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.**”*

# The Crucifixion of Jesus

*When we consider the crucifixion of Jesus, we are confronted with one of the most impactful moments in history. The depth of Jesus' suffering surpasses our understanding; He took on the weight of our sins and was nailed to a cross. This moment represents the ultimate act of love and sacrifice — it teaches us about humility, forgiveness, and grace. As we read these verses, we need to reflect on what His death means for our lives today and recognize how powerful it is that **Jesus willingly laid down His life for us. It is a reminder that we are valued and loved beyond measure.***

**MATTHEW 27:35** - *“And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots.”*

**JOHN 19:30** - *“When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, ‘**It is finished,**’ and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”*

**MARK 15:33-34** - *“And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, ‘**Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?**’ which means, ‘**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**’”*

**LUKE 23:46** - *“Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, ‘**Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!**’ And having said this, he breathed his last.”*

**JOHN 3:16** - *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, **that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**”*

# The Resurrection Explained

*The resurrection of Jesus is a celebration of triumph and victory over death. When we read about this monumental event, we grasp the reality that because Christ rose from the dead, we too have hope for eternal life. His resurrection validates everything He taught and confirms that death is not the end. These verses remind us that we believers have a future filled with hope.*

**MATTHEW 28:6** - "He is not here, for **he has risen**, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."

**LUKE 24:7** - "Saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and **on the third day rise.**'"

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:4** - "That he was buried, **that he was raised on the third day** in accordance with the Scriptures."

**JOHN 11:25-26** - "Jesus said to her, '**I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.**'"

**ROMANS 8:11** - "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, **he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies.**"

# The Impact of the Resurrection

*The resurrection of Jesus not only impacts our future but also our present lives. It provides us with the assurance that we have eternal life and that nothing can separate us from the love of God. These verses empower us, reminding us that we have a purpose to fulfill and that we are called to be messengers of hope and life to those around us.*

*1 PETER 1:3 - "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."*

*ROMANS 6:4 - "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."*

*COLOSSIANS 3:1 - "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."*

*EPHESIANS 2:6 - "And raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."*

*ACTS 1:3 - "He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God."*

# The Ascension of Jesus

*After His resurrection, Jesus did not simply disappear; He ascended into heaven, which is another significant event in our faith journey. The ascension shows us that Jesus reigns in power and that He has gone to prepare a place for us. This moment is a powerful reminder of the authority of Christ and the fulfillment of God's plan. Knowing that Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father gives us a sense of peace and encouragement. As we study these verses, we're reminded of the hope we have in Him and the reminder that we await His glorious return.*

**ACTS 1:9** - *“And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, **he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.**”*

**LUKE 24:51** - *“While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.”*

**MARK 16:19** - *“So then, the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.”*

**JOHN 14:3** - *“And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.**”*

**HEBREWS 1:3** - *“He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”*

# The Power of the Blood

*The blood of Jesus is central to the message of His death and resurrection. His sacrifice was a perfect payment for our sins, allowing us to enter a relationship with God. The significance of His blood covers our faults and shortcomings, granting us redemption and forgiveness. As we read the verses related to the power of His blood, we can be filled with gratitude for the extent of His love and sacrifice. It's humbling to consider that His blood has the power to purify us and change our lives forever. We must always remember the significance of this great act and share that good news with those around us.*

**EPHESIANS 1:7** - *"In him, we have **redemption through his blood**, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace."*

**HEBREWS 9:22** - *"Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, **and without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins.**"*

**HEBREWS 10:19** - *"Therefore, brothers, since **we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus.**"*

**REVELATION 1:5** - *"And from Jesus Christ **the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.**"*

**1 JOHN 1:7** - *"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**"*

# What is our Response - NT

*Understanding the depth of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ calls for an active response from us. It's not enough to just acknowledge it; we are called to live in light of this glorious truth. How we respond to the resurrection shapes our faith and day-to-day lives. Are we living as changed individuals, embracing the hope and purpose that comes with knowing Christ? In these verses, we find encouragement and inspiration to step out in faith, share our testimonies, and be a light in the world, reminding us that our lives can be a beautiful expression of love and gratitude for the incredible gift we have received.*

**PHILIPPIANS 3:10-11** - *“That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.”*

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:17** - *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come!”*

**GALATIANS 2:20** - *“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”*

**MATTHEW 5:16** - *“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”*

**ROMANS 10:9** - *“Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

# The Promise of Eternal Life

*Finally, the death and resurrection of Jesus present us with the promise of eternal life. This hope is one of the greatest gifts we receive through faith in Christ. The assurance of eternal life gives us strength, comfort, and purpose. No longer do we have to fear death or face it alone; instead, we rejoice in the truth that because Jesus rose, we will also rise with Him one day. We are reminded that our lives on this earth are temporary but filled with purpose because we are destined for something far more glorious beyond our earthly experience. With these verses, let's embrace our inheritance and share this gift of eternal life.*

**JOHN 3:36** - *"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."*

**TITUS 1:2** - *"In hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began."*

**JOHN 17:3** - *"And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."*

**REVELATION 21:4** - *"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*

**ROMANS 6:23** - *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

# Another viewpoint: Secular

*There are so many human behavioral and secular validations that Jesus was Resurrected.*

- *Appearing to the women, this was not a made-up detail that anyone would add to the story. Women were invisible to society at that time, and their POV or comments were not important. **The mere fact that this is central to the story, makes it highly likely that it DID occur.***
- *Disciples fearing and hiding from the Jews and the Romans was a very understandable action. **They all knew Jesus was dead, and they were so frightened and unsure of everything that they chose to lie low.***
- ***Jesus' appearance to them, and the women, and Peter** several times gives credible weight to what the Disciples did afterward*
- ***Appearing to over 500 people in the area** adds significant strength to the story since any of them could have denied his appearance, but they did not*
- ***The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost made an unbelievable change in the disciples' willingness to become public.***
- ***Peter preached, and over 3000 believers came to believe in Christ, and the Church was born.***
- ***All of Jesus' family (except Mary) were killed by the Romans or the Jews in an attempt to stamp out his legacy.***
- ***All of the disciples except John died as martyrs***
- *The simple fact that **His brothers and disciples changed from unbelieving, or afraid, to bold declarants of His Identity** is a confirmation that they were transformed by the Holy Spirit into new creatures dedicated to the mission for which they were called.*
- ***Saul, a hater of this heretic sect and a Pharisee, was visited by the resurrected Jesus and commissioned as a believer and missionary to the Gentiles, whom he also hated. God has a sense of humor sometimes...***

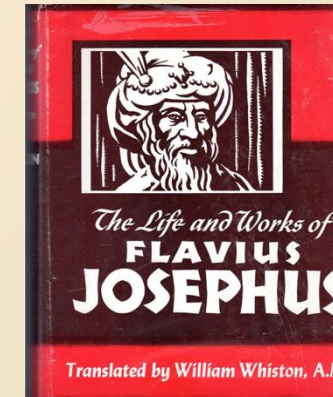
# Josephus...Antiquities of the Jews

Historians like **Josephus**, who wrote the **History of the Jews** and **Antiquities of the Jews**

- Josephus' Description of Jesus (**written in 93 AD**) Josephus was a Jewish priest and a Pharisee who courted favor with the Jews and Romans.

*3. (63) Now, there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, **if it be lawful to call him a man**, for he was a doer of wonderful works, **a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure**. He drew over to him both many of the Jews, and many of the Gentiles. **He was [the so-called] Christ**; (64) and when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him, **for he appeared to them alive again the third day, as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him; and the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day.***

- *The Antiquities of the Jews, Book 18, Chapter 3*  
*From The Works of Josephus,*  
*translated by William Whiston*  
*Hendrickson Publishers, 1987(Mine 1957)*



# So, What do make of all this?

- *Understand and believe that Christ has risen from the dead, and sits at the right hand (power) of the Father*
- *Understand and believe that, because of this, we have eternal life and the Seal of God- the Holy Spirit to confirm it.*
- *Eternal life means we will be with the Lord in Heaven when this earthly life is finished. We are citizens of Heaven, not Earth*
- *We are new creatures, freed from the burden of past sin, and free to follow the Holy Spirit, where He leads us*
- *Death is only a doorway to eternal existence with the Lord and all our friends and family who have gone on before (in the Lord)*
- *Live in light of all this, and be grateful, thankful, and prayerful towards God, and an encourager here on Earth*

# Next week

- *We will start the **Book of Revelation***
  - *Read Chapters 1-3*
- *Pray for our country and leaders*
- *Pray for our church and leaders, that we would be the light that He wants us to be*
- *Pray for Israel and the Peace of Jerusalem*
- *Pray for each other and encourage each other*
- *Pray for a great awakening to continue across the world and in the US in preparation for the things to come*