

## The Resurrection

**Friday, April 3rd, 33 AD, at 3:00 pm**, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, bowed His blood-soaked head, with the crown of thorns pressed into His brow, and said in agony, *“It is finished”!* (**John 19:30**). What is finished? Death, hell, and the grave is forever finished. The power of sin is broken. Satan’s control over our lives has come to an end. Now, there is forgiveness of sins and mercy from the Lord. There is a new beginning for everyone who has ever failed, and hope for tomorrow. Now, peace comes in the midst of the storm. The seed of the woman has crushed the serpent's head, and Satan is defeated. Now, the Lamb of God has become the Lion of the tribe of Judah. **Genesis 3:15**: *“And I will make enemies Of you and the woman, And of your offspring and her Descendant; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise Him on the heel.”* This is called the *protoevangelium*, or *“first gospel,”* marking the first promise of redemption. Jesus was laid in a borrowed tomb of Joseph of Arimathea as the disciples scattered in fear, and Satan and his demons rejoiced that Jesus, whom they feared, was dead. Religious leaders were glad they had ended this troublemaker, who taught about the eternal Kingdom of God and that He was the Son of God. All night Friday, Saturday, and Saturday night, Jesus, the giver of life, lay dead in a tomb. His tomb was sealed with a Roman seal as proof that He was dead. Death still held power, and the grave remained a dark, gloomy, unconquered pit. But then came the morning of the third day — ***the resurrection morning***. The angels rolled the stone away, and Jesus walked out as the King of kings and the Lord of lords, victorious over death, hell, and the grave! Prophetically, we are living in the third day. Peter said, **2 Peter 3:8**: *“But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.”* Hosea wrote **Hosea 6:2**: *“After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will restore us, that we may live in His presence.”* After two days, that would be 2,000 years, and on the third day, He will raise us up, and we will live in His sight. Consider that the third day could be the soon-coming millennium, during which Jesus rules for 1000 years. Additionally, it's interesting that the date of this Good Friday, April 3rd, 2026, marks 1993 years since His crucifixion. What does the resurrection mean? It means that every claim Jesus made about Himself and His kingdom is completely true, and that eternal life is available to all who believe. Jesus said, **John 11:25-26**: *“I am the resurrection and the life; the one who believes in Me will live, even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.”* Look deeply into your soul and ask yourself, *“If Jesus were to come today, am I ready?”* No one wants to stand at the judgment and say, *“If I had a little more time, I might have accepted Jesus as Lord.”* Understand, anyone who has rejected Jesus Christ will spend eternity in hell. If you truly want eternal life in heaven, pray this prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I ask You to forgive me of all my sins, cleanse me with the blood of Jesus, so I may inherit eternal life with You. I pledge to serve You as the King of my life. Amen.