

Celebrating Easter At Home

Those Three Special Days

Today: "Those 3 Special Days" – what 3 days?

1 Corinthians 15:3-9

Acts 1:3

As you can see, I'm giving you a timeline.

- Jesus died on **Passover**
- Jesus then rose from the dead **3** days later
- Then He was seen **40** days after
 - * So **3** days in the grave + **40** days on the earth gives us **43** days after Passover.
 - * That tells us the disciples were in the upper room for **7** days.
 - * Then, on the **50th** day, that's when the Holy Spirit came / **Pentecost**

Acts 2:1

The reason it says, "fully come" – Pentecost is a **week**-long celebration.

- * From the Passover – **43** days, Jesus leaves – **7** day celebration / **50** days the Holy Spirit comes

Pente – **5** & Cost – multiple of **10** → **50**

1. The Holy Spirit came 50 days after Passover.

- * Passover came out of Egypt – represents salvation
- * Israel went through the Red Sea – represents water baptism

2. Water baptism went through the water and the power of God stopped their enemies in the water.

- * When Israel came out of Egypt after 50 days, they were at the mountain – the Spirit of God descended on the mountain.
- * There was fire and thunderings, and God wrote His law on tablets of stone and 3,000 people died.

3. In the book of Acts we had Passover, Jesus died, 50 days later, the Holy Spirit descends (there are tongues of fire) and God writes His law on men's hearts and 3,000 people get saved.

Paul declares 1 Corinthians 15:1 – this is the Gospel

In 1 Corinthians 15:3,4 is the Gospel:

1 Corinthians 15:3

³For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received:
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

1 Corinthians 15:4

⁴and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

Sometimes in our celebration of Easter, we miss a part of the Gospel.

We celebrate:

- Christ died
- Christ rose again

There are 3 parts in the Gospel

4. The gospel is also that Christ **died**, was **buried**, and **rose again**.

So Church – what is so important that Christ was buried?

First thing about the burial:

A. Burial is a **battle**

- During those 3 days, Christ was in a **battle**.

5. In the same way, we need to experience death to **self**, death to the **flesh**, and a resurrection / experience a **burial**.

How many parts do you have? ☺

Here are the 3 parts:

- **Body**
- **Soul**
- **Spirit**

1 Thessalonians 5:23 has all 3 in the same verse:

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Question: Did Jesus have the three?

Answer: **Yes**

So, what happened to Christ's body, soul, and spirit those three days?

What did they do with Jesus' body those three days?

Answer: Buried His body in the **tomb**.

What happened to Jesus' spirit?

Luke 23:46

Answer: Jesus' spirit went to the Father

Ecclesiastes 12:7

In those three days, what about Jesus' soul?

Ephesians 4:8-9

Lower parts – translated hades

Acts 2:27-29 - speaks of Christ's soul – quoting Psalms

Acts 2:30-33

6. In those three days, Christ went to Hell so you don't have to – speaks of His soul.
 - Listen closely: God wants us to experience this through Christ.
7. Because you can be in God's presence every day, we repent daily seeing the magnificence of our God saying, not my will but yours be done – Gethsemane experience and let God live through us.
8. God wants you to die so He can live and love through you.
9. Christ taught us not only how to live, but how to die to self.
 - Christ wants you to die and be buried so He can resurrect you to a new man.
 - Jesus' soul went to hades – where is the battle?

* Your battle is in your soul!

Matthew 26:38 - Jesus in Gethsemane

John 12:27

Isaiah 53:10-12

John 10:17 - a lot of people don't see what He is saying

Word, life – Greek: pseuke – **soul**

- * Jesus laid down His own person / **soul** so our souls could be **redeemed**.

The battle is in the soul which is your **mind**, **will**, and **emotions**.

Jesus **fought** and **won** for your souls those three days.

The battle is won: It starts in the mind and if you do not control your **thoughts**, then you will begin to have bad **emotions**, then you will make bad **choices**.

Goes from **mind** → **emotions** → to the **will**

10. If you don't take your thoughts **captive**, you can have bad **results**.

Second thing:

B. Burial is not **final**

Let's talk about vision:

- If you put your **hope** in the vision, you will be **sick**.

Why scripture says, the vision will **tarry**. The Bible says to **wait** for it, not have **hope** in it. The Bible says put your hope in **God** / His **Word**.

11. Wait for the vision, but put your hope in God.

John 12:24

Church family – you have to bury a vision and let it die – leave it alone.

- When you cast seed, leave it alone and don't hold onto it.

Third:

C. You need to understand temptation during the burial.

12. The temptation during the burial is you try to produce the vision in the flesh.

13. Because of those three days, God is perfectly capable of producing the vision on His own.

- God wants the vision and even our ability to produce the vision to die.

Why – so when it comes to pass, there is no doubt who will receive the glory.

- The result of a burial is you lose self-reliance and you gain confidence in God.

When God finally came to Moses and said it's time! Moses said, I can't talk – that statement is a lie.

Acts 7:22

I have good news for you: God can resurrect the dead.

There were things in my life I said, God, I can't do this – but I know You can – Church family: He did it.