

### Truth Buried in a Mysterious Resurrection

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“And Jesus cried out with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, ‘Truly this was the Son of God’” (Matthew 27:50-53).

“Behold!” says Matthew. “Jesus is dead, his lips are silent: now God speaks in a language of his own,” says commentator R.H. Lenski (*The Interpretation of St. Matthew’s Gospel*, p.1125). One thing after another (or all at once) announced that something momentous had happened the moment Jesus died. Among them was a resurrection of many saints. This case of resurrection is not recorded anywhere else. And no ancient manuscript of the Book of Matthew ever appears without it.

How many questions does this account raise?

- How many saints, or holy people, did God raise?
- Which saints did he raise?
- How did God choose which saints to raise?
- How long had these holy people been dead?
- When exactly were they raised: upon Jesus’ death or upon his resurrection?
- If they were raised upon Jesus’ death, what did they do during all those hours they waited to go into the city?
- Who saw them in the holy city (Jerusalem)?

- How did the people to whom they appeared react?
- How did the people raised react to their own resurrections?
- What kind of bodies did these resurrected people have?
- What happened subsequently to these saints?
- Why is no other record of this unusual event—inspired or otherwise—found anywhere?

Most, if not all, of these questions are currently unanswerable. But what can we conclude about this mysterious case of resurrection?

The account emphasizes the gravity of Jesus’ death. Even if the earth had not shaken, the rocks had not split, the tombs of these saints had not opened, and they had not risen and walked into the city, the death of Jesus would still be different. So much more happened when the Son of God died than when anyone else dies. His blood ransomed us from our sins, from the futile ways inherited from our forefathers (Matt. 20:28, 1 Peter 1:18-19). All these unusual events were immediate testimony to what had just happened on the cross.

The brevity of the account testifies to its inspiration by God. Why would anyone give the only report the world has ever seen of these saints rising from the dead but give us no more than a couple of sentences about it? It was not the main event. It only pointed to the power of Jesus’ death and resurrection. It only shows that in Christ God was doing what we needed him to do most of all. The Holy Spirit offered enough information to help us be impressed but not so much that we would be distracted from what matters most.

Danny Boggs

*His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14*

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Edwin & Vera Cornell, Erma Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Mary Deffenbaugh, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Joe Freund, Kayla Hayes, Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Leopoldo Lizardo, Sherry Merrill, Cheryl Neilans, John Privett, Harold Speir, Susie Tomlin, Edith Toney, Ruth Ann Wilson.

We have several who are in need of our **prayers**. Carolyn Bukowich is having a pacemaker put in today at Freeman-West.

Dale Privett is recovering at home from a fall.  
 Susie Tomlin is recovering at home from hip surgery.  
 The Cornells are recuperating at home.  
 Kaed Hampton, 2 year old great-nephew of Rick Hyder, fell into a pool and had to be resuscitated.  
 Baelyn Rasbury, grandson of Bill and Kerri, was attacked by a dog.



**Every "One" Counts:** Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week the money helped one of our members. They were very grateful for the assistance. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

**Devo and Donuts** is every Tuesday morning at 7:00 in the activities center. Come and bring your friends. 

This week is our **Wednesday Family Meal** at 6:00 in the activities center. The hostess groups of Carla Murray/Jessica Boggs and Keri Collinsworth/Amanda Flint will be providing a chili dinner. Come enjoy time with your Christian family.

All families with kids in sixth grade and younger are invited to a **campfire devotional** at the home of Danny and Jessica Boggs at 5:30 this Friday night. Bring \$2.00 per family member for food. Please let them know if you plan to attend.



## This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.: *Justified!*  
 (Danny Boggs)  
 P.M. *The Kind of High Priest We Have*  
 (Heb. 4:14-16, Danny Boggs)

NCS will have their **Run With the Knights** this Saturday at 5:00 at Morse Park. It is a 5k and 1 mile fun run. Information and registration forms are on the welcome desk.

**Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes** first meeting: There will be a potluck soup and sandwich lunch in the fellowship room this Sunday. There will be a meeting, some activities, and then they will take part in the devo at the Medicalodge.

**Medicalodge** devo will be Sunday at 1:30. Please go and encourage the residents.

**Wedding Anniversary:** You are invited to join Benny and Linda Haught as they celebrate 50 years of marriage this Sunday from 3:30-5:30 in the activities center. It will be a come and go appetizer and cake reception. No gifts please. Please RSVP, call or text 417-434-2468.

**New Devo** will be at the Kings' home following Sunday evening service for grades 7-12 and their families.

**Men's BBQ Night:** Meet at the Hillcrest parking lot at 6:00 next Tuesday night, October 22, for a trip to Billy Sims BBQ in Joplin. 

**Halloween party for young adults** (20s-40s, give or take a few years) on Friday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Molly Cobb's house. Kids are welcome. Wear a costume and bring finger foods to share.

On October 26 we will host "**Pure on Purpose: Girls Doing Life God's Way**", a day specifically designed for our young ladies, their mothers, and their mentors. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help provided **food** for this event.

October 31 is the **Trail of Treats**. We will have a hot dog dinner, games, and costume contest in the activities center starting at 5:30. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. We will need **candy and Little Debbie type cakes** for the activities and treats. Please leave those in the box in the lobby.

**Autumnfest of the Ozarks** is November 9. Information is on the bulletin board.

**Ladies Retreat** will be November 15-17 in Kimberling City, MO. Registration forms are on the welcome desk.

**A Special Day:** Sunday, November 10, we'll have a dinner after morning services to honor everyone who is a new member in 2019--those who have been baptized, Christians who have identified themselves with us, and souls who have been restored. Additionally Jason Jackson will tell us in Bible class about the good work of Christian Courier, and he will preach both morning and evening.

### PRAYER LEADERS

#### Sunday, October 20

- AM Opening: Mike Kidwell
- AM Closing: Peter Wald
- PM Opening: Karson Thomas
- PM Closing: Sam Collinsworth

#### Wednesday, October 23

- Opening: Rick Hyder
- Closing: Jim Friend

RECORDS	10-13-19	10-14-18
Bible Study	125	107
AM Worship	162	168
PM Worship	119	122
Wednesday	125	140
Contribution	\$7,966.50	\$6,132.50
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58