

**eXplain it**  
**Easter Sunday**

Isaiah 25:6-9 (Death Will Be Swallowed Up Forever)  
Exodus 14:10--15:1 (The Crossing of the Red Sea)  
Psalm 16 (You Will Not Abandon My Soul to Death)  
1 Corinthians 15:1-25 (The Message of First Importance)  
John 20:1-18 (The Resurrection)

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**“The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!  
Alleluia!”**

**Matthew 28**  
**Mark 16**  
**Luke 24**  
**John 20**

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**What is Central Message of the Christian Faith?**  
**“the message of first importance”**

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**that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. (NIV)**

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**Jesus Christ crucified, dead and risen for the forgiveness of sins!**

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**sin's wage has come due  
the debt has been paid  
proof of payment has been given**

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**The Resurrection Accounts**

**Matthew 28**  
**Mark 16**  
**Luke 24**  
**John 20**

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**Time References**

**“After the Sabbath ...”**  
**“When the Sabbath was over ...”**  
**“On the first day of the week ...”**  
**“Very early in the morning ...”**  
**“While it was still dark ...”**  
**“At dawn ...”**  
**“Just after sunrise ...”**

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**Time References**

**Genesis 1:1-5: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.**

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**Time References**

**Genesis 1:1-5: And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night."**

**And there was evening, and there was morning- the first day.**

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**on the 6<sup>th</sup> Day ... Jesus finishes His work on the 7<sup>th</sup> day (the Sabbath) ... He rests on the 1<sup>st</sup> day (8th day) ... He begins the work of the new creation**

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**the Attack of the Devil and the Corruption of Our Nature**

**we do not want the promises of God  
do not understand the promises of God  
do not believe the promises of God**

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**By default ... human reason  
and emotion rule**

**NOT**

**the promises of God in Jesus and  
the revelation of God in the Scriptures**

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**“someone took the body”  
(the religious leaders, women and disciples)**

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**Matthew 28:12-15: When the chief priests had  
met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave  
the soldiers a large sum of money,  
telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came  
during the night and stole him away while we  
were asleep.' (NIV)**

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**Matthew 28:12-15: If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble."**

**So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day. (NIV)**

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**John 20:13-15: They (the angels) asked her (Mary), "Woman, why are you crying?"**

**14"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."**

**At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. (NIV)**

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**John 20:13-15: "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"**

**Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."**

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Jesus was clear but no one expected ...  
"they thought it was nonsense"  
  
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Luke 24:5-11: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:  
  
7'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "  
  
8Then they remembered his words.  
  
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Luke 24:9-11: When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.  
  
11But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.  
(NIV)  
  
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**John 20:9: (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)**  
**NIV**

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**But we had hoped ...**  
**(human reason and emotion)**

**This is what is written ...**  
**(the revelation of God incarnate in Jesus and in the Scriptures)**

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**the Corruption of the Devil**

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**the New Creation**

**the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week  
very early in the morning  
it's dark (physically and spiritually)**

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**Jesus walking in the Garden**

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**John 20:16-ff: Jesus said to her, "Mary."**

**18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her**

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**"someone took the body"**

**"He is risen!"**

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**the New Creation**

you desire all of the promises of God  
 you understand the promises of God  
 you believe the promises of God  
 you proclaim all of the promises of God

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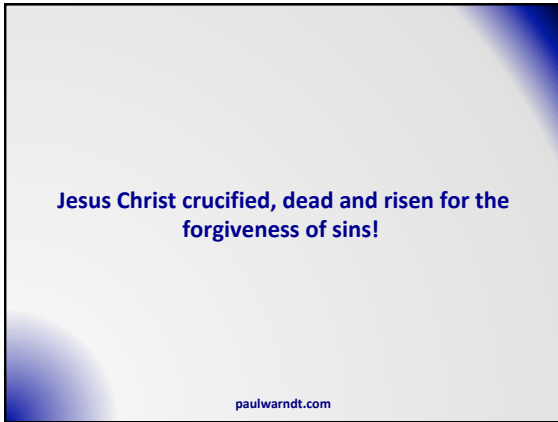
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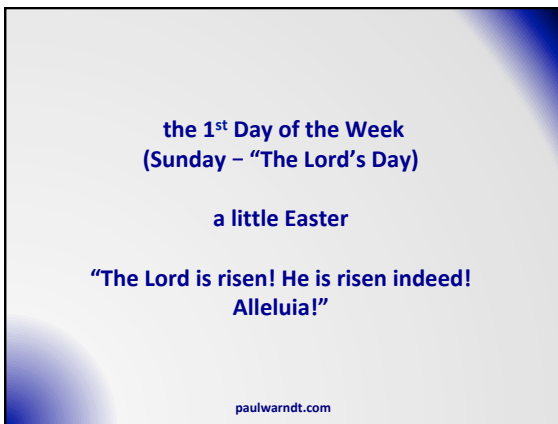
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