

# Church

## Jesus is resurrected Sunday school lesson

**RAISED FROM THE DEAD**  
(Luke 23:55-24:11)  
"The Son Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful man and be crucified, and the third day rise again." (Luke 24:7)  
There were many scoffers around the area of the cross where Jesus was crucified; some mocked and made fun at the occasion. The town of Jerusalem was literally full of unbelievers. The Jewish people joined with their religious leaders in rejoicing that Jesus, "thorn in their side," had been removed. Yet many would change their minds before the day had ended.

The centurian, in charge of the crucifixion, was one of those. I dare say Pilate's fears were not ended when Jesus was nailed to the cross. No doubt, multiplied hundreds of people wondered about Jesus' death and had doubt in their minds by the day's end. God in heaven would demonstrate His Almighty power. This was no usual, "run of the mill," crucifixion—this was God's Son on the cross being crucified and the people would know that it was special.

At noon the sun was darkened, and night was over the land. (Luke 23:44) For three hours it remained dark, and then came the terrifying climax of an earthquake. Matthew 27:52 records "The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised." Many people were filled with awe and said, with the Roman centurian, "Surely this Man was the Son of God." Others who saw what had taken place returned home beating their breasts, a Jewish act denoting remorse.

**WOMEN AMONG THE DISCIPLES**  
(Luke 23:55-56)  
Joseph, of the town of Arimathea, a member of the Jewish council, and a friend of Jesus, came to claim the body of Jesus and to give it proper burial. He was joined by another member of the Jewish council, Nicodemus, who had had an encounter with Jesus some months prior. He had become convinced that Jesus was "a teacher sent from God." Together they prepared the body of Jesus, wrapped it with spices in expensive linen and buried it in Joseph's tomb.

A typical Jewish burial. Through most of Jesus' ministry the twelve apostles, comprised of an inner circle of disciples, were His closest follow-

ers. But, also, devoted to Him were some faithful women. These were grateful because they "had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities." They followed Jesus to hear His teaching and, no doubt, to minister unto Him of their substance.

The gospel which Jesus taught raised the worth of women from a low level in which they were regarded at that time and in that part of the world. Some of the women were named but nowhere do we have a complete list, rather we read of "many others." These women from Galilee followed the burial party to the place of the tomb so that they could return after the Sabbath and prepare the body for permanent burial.

### RESURRECTION DAWN

(Luke 24:1-8)

Jesus was buried late Friday evening. The Jewish Sabbath began at sundown Friday and continued until sundown Saturday. There could be no work, including burial activity, on the Sabbath. The women prepared for the first day of the week (Christian Sunday) to give Jesus' body a permanent burial. Upon arriving at the tomb they found the stone rolled away from in front, and when they entered they discovered that the body of Jesus was not there.

The Scriptures say that they were perplexed, and we may well imagine they were, yet not for long. Two men appeared in shining garments. We assume that they were the Lord's angels, however, Luke does not say this. (Matthew's account gives more detail). The two men asked the women, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" Then explained, "He is not here, but is risen."

What a surprise for the women in the tomb that Sunday morning. How their hearts must have leaped for joy to learn that Jesus was no longer dead; He is alive. Their sadness turned to joy and wonder. The death, burial and resurrection of Christ Jesus is the heart of the Christian faith. Without these events, Christianity would be nothing more than another religion. With Christ's resurrection from the grave, Christian disciples know that they, too, will live again. (Oh, grave where is thy victory, Oh, death where is thy sting.)

(Lesson based on the International Sunday School Lessons)



Pictured left is the Chapel By the Sound. The Chapel By the Sound is located on Holiday Island.

## Contata scheduled

The Chapel on the Sound at Holiday Island will present its Easter Cantata, "How Great Thou Art," at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday night, April 18th. A sunrise service will be held in Clubhouse Park at Holiday Island at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, with coffee and doughnuts served in the Chapel social hall at the conclusion of the service. Everyone is invited.

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## Area church calendar Community service set

A community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Up River Friends Cemetery Sunday April 19, at 6:15 a.m. participating churches include Up River Friends, Bagley Swamp Wesleyan, Bethany United Methodist, Mt. Sinai Baptist and Sandy

Cross Baptist. There will be special music, scripture reading and a devotional from Dan LeRoy, pastor of Bagley Swamp Wesleyan. In case of bad weather, the service will be moved to the Up River Friends Meeting House.

## Masonic service set

The J.W. Hood Consistory No. 155 of Elizabeth City area of Freemasonry S.J. Prince Hall Affiliation will hold its Sunrise Service, only with all Prince Mason Master Mason of Lodge No. 18. The Rev. J.H. London will preach and First Baptist Church and members of the Perquimans County Fellowship Choirs Combine

to sing, Barbara Shannon, Organist. Breakfast will be served at the EIC Community Building across the street from the church. The time is 6:00 and breakfast is free for the fellowship. The Rev. London will preach from the subject "The Easter Joy" Romans 4:24-25.

## Service of shadows set

Center Hill United Methodist Church of Tyner, N.C. will observe the Service of Shadows on Good Friday, April 17, 1987 at 8 p.m. Mrs. Rufus Smithson is in charge of the program. The Rev. Bobby Jordan is pastor

and will be assisted by the Rev. Jim Sanders who is pastor of Center Hill Baptist Church. Special music will be provided by the Center Hill Baptist Church under the direction of Mrs. Jane Bunch.

## First Baptist schedule

The First Baptist Church Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. with the superintendent in charge. Morning worship starts at 11:00 a.m. The Pastor London is preaching from the subject "The Assurance of Our Resurrection" 1 Corinthians 15:22-23. The combined choir will sing under the direction of Barbara Shannon, Organist.

Revival Services for First Baptist Missionary Church begin Monday night, April 20, 1987. The Rev. James Elliott, presiding elder of Elizabeth City District and the pastor of Leigh Temple A.M.E. Zion Church. Services begin at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday night, Ellis Temple Baptist Church, choir and ushers are in charge.

Wednesday night—7:30, Saunders Grove Baptist Church choir and ushers.

Thursday night—7:30 p.m., Cornerstone Baptist Church choir and ushers of Elizabeth City; Friday Night St. Stephen Baptist Church choir and ushers, Elizabeth City, N.C. The Rev. Ricky Banks, Revivalist Tuesday, Thursday, Friday night devotion each night at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. J.H. London, pastor.

## Local ladies celebrate the Easter season

A group of ladies who participate in a local sewing class have found a new way to spread the love and joy of the Easter season.

Members of Ms. Eva Hurdle's sewing class which is held on Monday mornings at the nutrition site on Wynn Fork Road, and which is sponsored by the College of the Albemarle have spent the last several weeks making lap cloths for the nursing home in Edenton.

The lap cloths which were made by Ms. Mary E. James, Ms. Hester Reid, Ms. Margaret Felton, and Ms. Alberta Eason along with Ms. Eva Hurdle were donated to Britthaven in Edenton Monday for use by their patients.

This project was initiated by Ms. M.B. Taylor who used to be site manager of the Nutrition site before she retired. The current site manager is Frances Scott.

## Sunrise service planned

The New Hope United Methodist Church will have a Community Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, April 19 at 6:00 a.m. This will be held at the Hoyle Joynes' Farm located on the Albemarle Sound (Durant's Neck).

The children of New Hope United Methodist Church will present their Easter Musical entitled, "To See A Miracle" on Easter Sunday at 10:00 a.m. during the Sunday School Hour. The 11:00 a.m. service will follow.

## "WHEN WE SEE GETHSEMANE"

Matthew 26:36-46

Pastor Lawrence C. Higgins

New Hope — Woodland United Methodist Charge

All of us, at some point in our lives have been at a crossroad where we must make a decision. A decision that has often changed the focus of our lives. In the Garden of Gethsemane we find that Jesus had come to a crossroad where a decision was required. It was a time when more than ever we were apart of his decision-making.

In the serenity of the garden, Jesus made his decision to go to Calvary. If only we could have been there, if only we could have seen with our eyes and experienced in our hearts what this crossroad would involve. Let us look in the garden and see Jesus. What do we see?

First, we see the agony of Jesus. His time in the garden was one of struggle. He could have very well turned his back to the garden, to his disciples, to Jerusalem, to us, but he also was fully aware he was a part of God's plan to bring redemption to the world. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." (Jn. 3:16)

Secondly, we see the trust of Jesus. He knew that the hours before him were not going to be pleasant ones. But he also was fully aware of the source of his strength, and peace. That source was God, so he began his prayer with "Abba, Father". "Abba" was an everyday word that a child would use to address his father. By Jesus using this word, he was acknowledging his dependence upon his heavenly Father to be with him through the dark hours ahead.

And finally, we see the courage of Jesus. "Rise" said Jesus, "let us be going". Now is the time for action. Jesus knew that he could not spend his entire life praying in a secluded garden. But there was a task for him to do. And through the strength and power of god he will finish the work God has laid before him.

May we remember, the next time that we are in our own "Gethsemane" that we can turn to the One who is able to do all things — and who says to us "Rise", let us be going. Amen.

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