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Theme: Christ the King

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In Matthew 27 we noted at length the events surrounding the death and burial of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now we come to the resurrection of Christ in Matthew 28. The resurrection is called the greatest miracle in the history of the world. It serves to prove ALL the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is so basic and foundational that without faith in the resurrection one cannot be a Christian (cf. 1 Cor. 15; Rom. 10:9).

All four Gospels agree on the basic facts of the resurrection but they give a great variety of details that serve to supplement one another rather than contradict each other.

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The substantial agreement of the four narratives, coupled with a wide variety of details and viewpoints, demonstrates their truthfulness and yet their independence of one another.

– *Wycliffe Bible Commentary*

Matthew 28:1–10 (NKJV)

1 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

These two Mary's were tenacious in their devotion to Jesus. We see them at the cross (Mt. 27:56); we see them opposite the tomb when Christ was buried (Mt. 27:61) and here we find them early on resurrection morning coming to the tomb (cf. Mk 16:1).

We find in the other gospels that they were also accompanied with other women who were bringing spices to further anoint the body of Jesus (see John 19:39-40) as a means of showing proper honor for the dead (cf. Mk. 16:1-2; Lk. 24:1; Jn. 20:1).

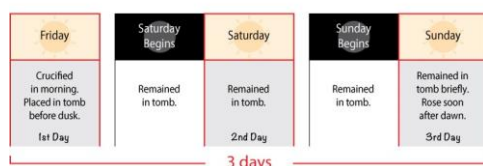
They came early – at the break of dawn.

According to Jewish reckoning the day ended at sunset and a new day began at the same time. So Saturday night at sunset by our reckoning was actually the start of Sunday according to the Jewish calendar. We don't know the precise timing when Jesus arose from the dead but it was obviously sometime in the night early on Sunday – the first day of the week. He was already gone from the tomb as these women showed up early in the morning as the day had just begun to dawn.

Remember the Jews often counted even a part of a day as a whole day. So Jesus was in tomb late on Friday and then arose early on Sunday allowing for the fulfillment of being raised from the dead on the third day.

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Crucified Friday, Risen Sunday
(from Jewish perspective of days starting at evening)



Footnote: Apparently these women did not know that Pilate had appointed a Roman guard and seal on Saturday – so they naively think they can just go to the tomb and do their thing.

Evidently as the women were on their way to the tomb the events of verses 2-4 took place; meaning they occurred before the women actually arrived at the tomb (cf. Mk. 16:2-6; Lk. 24:1-7; Jn. 20:1).

2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.

This happened – not to let Jesus out but to let witnesses in to see that the body of Jesus Christ was gone.

Jesus in His resurrection body could go right through a wall as seen in John 20. There we find the disciples hiding behind locked doors and suddenly Jesus just appeared in their midst. He didn't have to knock at the door or come through the door. In His glorified body He could just supernaturally come right through the grave clothes and right through the walls of the tomb or that of a locked room.

At the time of Christ's death there was an earthquake (Mt. 27:51); and on resurrection morning there was a great earthquake in conjunction with an angel of the Lord rolling back the stone from the entrance of the tomb.

It was like the earthquake was a drum roll to announce the tomb is empty with an angelic assistant who allowed everyone to see in.

And look at the angel – just sitting there on the massive stone like it was no big deal for him to move it. He was not intimidated by the Roman guard. He showed no regard for the Roman governors order, or for the priests demand that it be sealed. Heaven overruled both Jerusalem and Rome. Nothing in the world could stop this from happening!

The THIRD Day was the day! This was resurrection day! No power in the world can stop resurrection power. This is God's almighty power.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.

Angelic glory is brilliant being described as being like lightning.

The angels appearance was as dazzling as lightning and his garment was white as snow (cf. Dan. 7:9; 10:5, 6; Acts 1:10; Rev. 3:4, 5, 4:4; 6:11; 7:9, 13; 19:14). It was bright and glorious. And it freaked the rugged Roman guards out of their minds.

4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

The appearance of the angel so traumatized the guards that they shook like a leaf out of fear of him, and became like dead men. This means they passed out and became unconscious. They were so terrified that they fainted. And it would seem this was the experience of all of them – which we think was somewhere between 4 and 16 of them.

The word “shook” is the same basic root word as that translated as “earthquake” in verse 2. It is the Greek word “seismos” from which we get the English word seismic referring to earthquake activity or tremendous shaking. These guards had their own personal “earthquake” shaking experience. I mean they were fearful and terrified to the point of being totally overwhelmed. And these were known as the men of great courage who were not afraid of anything.

There is great irony here. These living humans became as corpses who were put in charge of guarding the corpse of the One Who claimed to the “resurrection and the life” (Jn. 11:25). In this scene DEATH was overwhelmed by LIFE. Life is all powerful triumphing over the grave itself. Jesus said, “I am...the life” (Jn. 14:6). That is a claim to be GOD as only God is the source of life. Only God is life. Only God is eternal life.

And the most amazing thing is that now as believers we now share in this LIFE. To say you have eternal life is to say you now share in God’s life. It is more than eternal in duration – it is that – but it is more than that. It is to share in the very quality of God’s life and to experience His love, joy, and peace in fellowship with Him.

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1 John 5:11–13 (ESV)

11 And this is the testimony, that God **gave us eternal life**, and this life is **in his Son**.

12 Whoever **has the Son has life**; whoever does **not have the Son of God does not have life**.

13 I write these things to you who **believe in the name of the Son of God**, that you may know that you have eternal life.

As believers we now have the resurrection life of Christ living in us. In Phil. 3:10 Paul said his desire was to “**know Him and the power of His resurrection**”. To live out resurrection power is to live the Christ-filled life otherwise known as the Spirit-filled life which is exhibited in the fruit of the Spirit. **Ephesians 3:20** says, “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us”.

We have no idea of the greatness of the power that is associated with resurrection power. It has the power to raise the dead and we see a little glimpse of this other-worldly power even in the presence of the angel who descended from heaven to roll back the stone. Angels are not God but they do live in God’s presence and as such are awesome in their glory.

In the book of Revelation John saw an angel and it was so overwhelming he felt compelled to worship.

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Revelation 19:10 (NKJV)

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

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Revelation 22:8–9 (NKJV)

8 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

9 Then he said to me, “See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

Angels are not to be worshipped! They are simply the servants of God. But John had a terrible time not being overwhelmed by their presence even to the point of feeling compelled to worship. Repeatedly the angel had to tell him not to do that because worship is to be directed ONLY to God!

Footnote: Luke 24:4 and John 20:12 record that there were two angelic beings who were on the scene.

There is no contradiction, because where you have two you always have one. Perhaps Matthew only mentioned one because he is focused on the one who did the speaking.

Having given the background – with the women on their way to the tomb, the ensuing earthquake, the angel rolling back the stone, and the traumatic experience of the guards, the narrative now focuses on the women who have now shown up at the tomb.

5 But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

I love it that the first message on resurrection morning was “Do not be afraid”. But note this message was directed to the women who were devoted to Christ and not to the guards doing the business of Rome and the priests.

The world should be very much afraid but believers don’t have to be afraid.

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Matthew 10:28 (NKJV)

28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather **fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**

It is so human to be afraid. Even as God’s people we so often struggle with this. But 1 John 4:18 says, “perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment.” In 2 Tim. 1:7 Paul says, “God has not given us a spirit of fear”. We are to fear God in a healthy way in the sense of reverence, but God does not want His children to be terror-stricken in the sense of craven fear and torment.

The angel first refers to the historical fact of Christ’s crucifixion. He was indeed crucified. This is an established historical fact as noted at length in chapter 27. And this is whom the women came looking for – the crucified One.

Footnote: It is amazing that God chose to have women be the first witnesses to the fact of the resurrection. This serves to show the truthfulness of the Bible.

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Since the ancients did not view women as trustworthy, a writer who made up an account designed to convince readers of Jesus’

resurrection would not have made women the first witnesses of the resurrection. That Matthew included the women confirms that he was faithful to record actual events, even if they would be seen as discreditable by society. - **HCSB**

On resurrection morning there was a lot of activity around the tomb – lots of coming and going.

As we compare the gospels it would appear that Mary Magdalene ran off as soon as she saw the stone was rolled away. She assumed someone had taken the body of the Lord out of the tomb as she reported back to Peter and John as seen in John 20:1-2. This would indicate that Mary Magdalene left before the angelic announcement that Christ “is risen” as seen in Matt. 28:6. The other women reacted more slowly responding to the instruction of the angel before they ran to tell the disciples.

At this point the speaking angel said to the women who remained...

6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

The angel said, “I know you are looking for Jesus, but He is not here”. And here is the explanation, “He is risen, as He said.” This has happened exactly as Jesus said it would happen. Jesus had repeatedly predicted this! It really should not have been a surprise.

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Matthew 16:21 (NKJV)

21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and **suffer** many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and **be killed**, and be **raised the third day**.

Matthew 20:18–19 (NKJV)

18 “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death,

19 and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And **the third day He will rise again.**”

Jesus had very clearly and explicitly told them He would rise the third day and it happened exactly as He said! Everything happened exactly as Jesus said it would happen -every last detail.

The whole life and ministry of Jesus is the fulfillment of prophecy – both as seen in the OT as well as that given by Jesus Himself.

As Rev. 19:10 says, “the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” meaning that prophecy always has Jesus as its ultimate theme. It all points to Jesus in one form or another. Jesus is the center and theme of all prophecy.

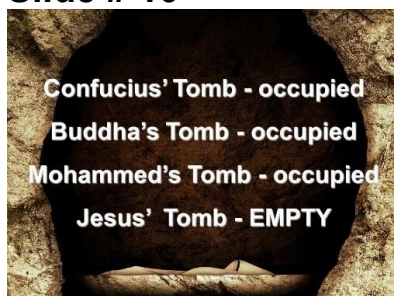
And so the angel said, “***Come, see the place where the Lord lay.***”

And what did they see in the tomb? Nothing but grave clothes. And were these grave clothes disturbed? I mean to get somebody out of 75 pounds worth of sticky half dried gauze after 3 days you would expect a major mess with everything in disarray. But no! As seen in John 20:5-7 the graveclothes were neatly lying there – even the face cloth that had been wrapped around His head was neatly folded and put in a place apart from the cocoon of the grave clothes.

How could somebody get a body neatly out the graveclothes without majorly tearing them apart? Impossible. The only logical explanation is that somehow the body was miraculously removed. It was like the body had just supernaturally come right out of the grave clothes and then neatly placed the face covering in a place all by itself.

The empty tomb, the great apologetic of the resurrection, separates Christianity from the world's other religions. None of the false faiths have a true answer to the terrible reality of death. Christianity invites the world to come and look at the empty tomb. – ***John Phillips***

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7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

The angel further instructed the women to quickly go and tell His disciples that Jesus is risen and that He would meet them in Galilee.

This exactly what Jesus had told them before He was crucified.

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Matthew 26:32 (NKJV)

32 But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.”

This does not preclude the idea that Christ would see some of them before then as of course happened later that very same day.

But a point is being made in relation to Galilee which would be the place of the major reunion of Christ and His people following the resurrection. This was GREAT news. They were going to see Jesus again. He was going to make an appearance in Galilee.

Conceivably, the angel might have said: “He is risen, and has ascended to heaven!” That would have been better than knowing He was dead; but the truth was far better. He was risen, and risen to have and continue a real relationship with His disciples.

– David Guzik

A real living relationship with Jesus was to continue and they would see Him first hand in Galilee.

Note that the “**Come, see**” in verse 6 was followed by “**go quickly and tell**” in verse 7. Resurrection news is for sharing! Once you know the truth you are then responsible to tell others.

As we break down what the angel said we find he basically said 5 things.

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The Angelic Message...

v. 5 “Do not be afraid”

v. 6 “He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.”

v. 6 “Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”

v. 7 “And go quickly and tell His disciples...”.

v. 7 “He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him.”

8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

He didn't have to tell them twice! They went flying out of the tomb with the glorious message of the risen Lord.

And they had a mixture of emotions involving “fear and great joy”. In verse 5 the angel said, “Do not be afraid” but being human - being in the presence of the supernatural gives us fear as it is so awesome. But yet the reality of fear was also mingled with GREAT JOY over the truth of the empty tomb and the announcement that “He is risen”.

So with this mixture of high-octane emotions these women went running off breathlessly into the crisp air of the early morning shadows.

9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!” So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.

Wow! As they ran with great haste to tell the disciples SUDDENLY Jesus met them in the way with the greeting of “Rejoice!” You talk about a shock to the system. They went to the tomb to see a dead body, but shock they met angels and found the tomb empty. They ran to tell the disciples and shock they met Jesus! I don't know how many “shocks” their hearts could take but this was a shocking morning like no other!

Putting it all together it seems the unfolding of events went something like this.

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The women found the stone rolled away.

Mary Magdalene ran to tell Peter and John.

The other women were told by the angel that Jesus is risen.

They run to tell the disciples.

John and Peter run to the tomb with Mary Magdalene following.

Jesus meets with Mary Magdalene who lingered at the tomb.

Jesus meets with the women who ran to tell the disciples.

There was a flurry of activity at the garden tomb on resurrection morning and the exact timing of all the details are not certain. However, the empty tomb was the center of attention!

Mark 16:9 is clear that Jesus first appeared to Mary Magdalene and then He appeared to these other women (cf. John 20:10-18; Mt. 28:1-10).

The devotion of these women was precious to the Lord. They were last at the cross and first to the tomb on resurrection morning.

Mary Magdalene sought the Lord most earnestly and she was rewarded by being the very first person to see the risen Lord. We talk about the apostles and their great role but don't forget about these women. They were honored FIRST in terms of seeing the risen Lord. "And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor. 13:13) The love and devotion of these women was stand out and the Lord honored them in this way.

When Jesus met them He greeted them with "Rejoice" (Gk. *chairō*). This was a common greeting very similar to saying, "**Greetings**" and in fact is so translated this way in Matthew 26:49. Still, the literal word means "Rejoice" and that is especially fitting on this resurrection morning as the risen Christ greets these women. This was certainly a time of GREAT JOY and REJOICING!

Jesus did not formally introduce Himself as they clearly recognized Him for Who He was. In His glorified state Jesus still maintained His basic identity – they still recognized Him. And His glorified body was not just spiritual but material, physical, and touchable (cf. Lk. 24:39-42; Jn. 20:17, 27).

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1 John 1:1 (NKJV)

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—

The risen Christ was a totally real human person. In the resurrection Jesus got His body back but now it was in glorified form. This body was still physical but now could do supernatural things a normal body could never do. And one day in the resurrection our bodies will be transformed to be of the same nature as Christ's glorified body.

Slide # 15**Philippians 3:20–21 (NKJV)**

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

21 who will **transform our lowly body** that it may be **conformed to His glorious body**, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

These women then came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. We see the same response in verse 17 when the disciples later met with Jesus in Galilee.

The word worship (Gk. *proskuneo*) literally means “to kiss” or “to bow before” (cf. Mt. 8:2). In worship we bow before Jesus as our God-Master. Appropriately these women were at the feet of Jesus in the position of worship.

This is really the equivalent response to when doubting Thomas upon seeing the risen Lord said to Jesus, “***My Lord and my God!***” (Jn. 20:28).

This is witness to the deity of Jesus as only God is to be worshipped. When Jesus was tempted by the devil He quoted OT Scripture to him, saying, “***You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.***” (Mt. 4:10; Deut. 6:13; 10:20; Josh. 24:14; cf. Rev. 19:10).

This is the appropriate response to the truth of the risen Lord. It really is a saving faith response – to worship Him in recognizing Him as “My Lord and my God!”

This is what it truly means to believe in the risen Lord. This is the essence of saving faith as seen in Romans 10:9.

Slide # 16**Romans 10:9 (NKJV)**

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and **believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead**, you will be saved.

It’s not just a matter of intellectually believing the facts, but in the heart personally embracing the truth of the risen Lord and what that means.

It means accepting Him as Lord God as proven in the resurrection, it means being a true worshiper (cf. Jn. 4:23-24).

Let me ask you are you a true worshiper of Jesus? Is He truly your God-Master in your heart?

The bible says, “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved” (Rom. 10:13). To call on Him as Lord is to from the heart recognize Him as your Lord and to be a true worshiper.

10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

I love this: The very first message of the risen Lord to these women was, “Do not be afraid”. The angel in verse 5 said, “Do not be afraid” and now Jesus says the same thing: “Do not be afraid” (v. 10). How wonderful that Jesus comes to His own with a message of calming our fears. All is well in the resurrection – we don’t have to be afraid! Jesus tells us not to be afraid.

Jesus then told them to go and tell His brethren to go to Galilee and that there they would see Him. Brethren here is probably general – not only referring to the disciples but to the followers of Christ generally (cf. Mt. 12:49-50).

Once again we see this emphasis on meeting Jesus in Galilee. Jesus emphasized it before the crucifixion (Mt. 26:32); the angel said it verse 7; and now Jesus in the resurrection again says it here in verse 10.

The sense is that there is going to be a very special meeting in Galilee – spread the word to the brethren. Jesus is saying, “Tell everyone to meet me there!”

It is sort of like when a man announces that he is running for president and currently there is no lack of them. But when they do so they generally spread the word to all their insiders that they are going to make a special announcement at a special place and encourage all to be there. It might be at the capital where they have served; it might be at a presidential library, or some other prominent forum closely associated with them.

The stomping grounds for Jesus in His ministry had been Galilee. This is where He spent 85% of His public ministry!

It is very significant that this special meeting would not be in Jerusalem (the epicenter of Israel) but rather in Galilee which was known as “Galilee of the Gentiles” because it bordered the land of the Gentiles (cf. Isa. 9:1-2; Mt. 4:15-16).

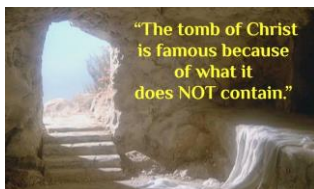
It would be in this context of “Galilee of the Gentiles” that Jesus would have this special meeting with all of His brethren to announce the post-resurrection mission. It would be there that Jesus would meet with over 500 followers and give what we commonly call THE GREAT COMMISSION as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20. This commission would not merely have Israel in view but would have “all the nations” in view. The new mission would be to go and “make disciples of all the nations”.

We see the importance of this in all the ground work that is being laid for this special meeting in Galilee.

The way is being prepared for the giving of the GREAT COMMISSION!

There are three great emphases in our study today in Matthew 28:1-10. First there is an emphasis on the empty tomb with the clear ramification that the Lord is risen.

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Then there is an emphasis that the risen Lord is to be worshipped. And finally there is an emphasis on this coming meeting with the Lord in Galilee.

The resurrection emphasizes 3 main points.

First, it validates all the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ. In Matthew 12 when the religious leaders demanded more signs Jesus said the ONLY sign they would be given would be the sign of Jonah. Just like Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so Jesus would be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth – with the ramification that on the third day He was coming out – which He did in the resurrection – thus validating all His claims.

Second, the resurrection declares Jesus to be Lord God just as He claimed in His earthly ministry.

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Romans 1:4 (NKJV)

4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

And third the resurrection shows that the sacrifice of Jesus for sin has been fully accepted by God. The veil rent in two from top to bottom affirmed it and then the resurrection verified it. The concept is affirmed in the word “propitiation” in the NT. The word propitiation means “satisfaction”. God was satisfied with the sacrifice of Jesus for sin and the resurrection proved it.

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Romans 4:25 (NKJV)

25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

1 John 4:10 (NKJV)

10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

The empty tomb and the risen Lord go together. The truth of the risen Lord became the cornerstone of apostolic preaching. This changed everything! This was the focal point of Peter’s message on the Day of Pentecost (the birthday of the Church) in Acts 2. It is the focal point throughout the entire book of Acts which is a history of the first 30 years of the church age. It is at heart of Paul’s great gospel treatise as seen in Romans 10:9.

It's Friday, but Sunday's Comin by pastor S.M. Lockridge

It's Friday.

Jesus is praying -Peter's a sleeping -Judas is betraying
But Sunday's comin'

It's Friday -Pilate's struggling -The council is conspiring -The crowd is vilifying -They don't even know That Sunday's comin'

It's Friday.
The disciples are running like sheep without a shepherd
Mary's crying -Peter is denying
But they don't know that Sunday's a comin'

It's Friday.
The Romans beat my Jesus. They robe him in scarlet
They crown him with thorns
But they don't know - That Sunday's comin'

It's Friday.
See Jesus walking to Calvary -His blood dripping
His body stumbling -And his spirit's burdened
But you see, it's only Friday
Sunday's comin'

It's Friday
The world's winning -People are sinning -And evil's grinning

It's Friday
The soldiers nail my Savior's hands to the cross
They nail my Savior's feet to the cross
And then they raise him up next to criminals
It's Friday
But let me tell you something
Sunday's comin'

It's Friday
The disciples are questioning what has happened to their King
And the Pharisees are celebrating that their scheming has been
achieved
But they don't know it's only Friday -Sunday's comin'

It's Friday
He's hanging on the cross -Feeling forsaken by his Father
Left alone and dying
Can nobody save him?
Ooooh - It's Friday But Sunday's comin'

It's Friday
The earth trembles -The sky grows dark -My King yields his spirit

It's Friday
 Hope is lost
 Death has won
 Sin has conquered
 and Satan's just a laughin'

It's Friday
 Jesus is buried
 A soldier stands guard
 And a rock is rolled into place
 But it's Friday
 It is only Friday
 Sunday is a comin'!

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But let me add an addendum!

It was Friday, but now it's SONDAY!
 It's SONday and up from the grave He arose with a mighty victory ore His foes.
 It's SONday and the tomb is empty!
 It's SONday and angels are at the tomb!
 It's SONday and the stone is rolled away.
 It's SONday and the soldiers are shaking like dead men.
 It's SONday and the women are filled with fear and great joy as they run to bring the good news!
 It's SONday and Jesus appears with the greeting: "Rejoice!"
 It's SONday and the followers of Christ fall at His feet and worship!

We are here today because it's SONDAY! Ever since the resurrection of Jesus on SONday believers in the risen Christ have been meeting on SONday!

And I like to call it SONDAY spelled SON – SON-DAY!

For us it's ever SUNDAY!

The Muslims are the Friday people as that is their key day of worship.
The Jews are the Saturday people as they worship on Saturday.
But for us Christians we are the SON-DAY people as we meet every
SONday in honor of our risen Lord.

My brethren it is SUNDAY! Let us worship – let us worship in song!