

# Three Days that Changed the World.

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The Resurrection is Central to our Faith and Hope! 1Cor. 15:17-19

*"If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins... If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable"*

**"Most miserable"** certainly seems to describe the disciples during those 3 days.

## 1. Jesus had tried repeatedly to prepare them for what was about to happen.

A. A Few weeks before: *"From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem suffer many things of the elders ...priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day."* Mt. 16:21

B. A few days before: *"Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified."* Mt 26:2

C. The Night Before: Jn 14:2,27 *"I go to prepare a place for you... Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."*

## 2. Jesus invites them to join him!

A. **"My Peace" (Jn. 14:27)** (eirē'nē) Literally means to join me!

Luke 22:15 *"With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:"*

B. Satan was also seeking partners. Lk 22:21-31

C. Even in Gethsemane Jesus appealed for their "partnership". Mt 26:38-41  
*"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak,"*

D. Sadly, they joined the wrong side. That same night:

1) Judas betrayed him. (Luke 22:48)

2) Peter denied him. (Luke 22:57)

3) His disciples forsook him. *"Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled."* (Mt. 26:56)

E. Jesus returns to give them another invitation! Jn 20:19 *"Peace be unto you!"*

## 3. Before they could experience the peace of Christ and the power of His resurrection; They had to go through a process.

(Deciding if they would join God's purposes and plans!)

A. Satan understands this process better than we do! He tries to trap us in the confusion of the temporary, with little thought or patience for God's plan or process!

B. Paul understood this process. Phil. 3:7-10 *"...That I may know him, and the power of His resurrection ... and the fellowship (koinonia: partnership) of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death..."*  
(From Syn: union with & Morphe': to shape and adjust.)

1) God seeks to shape (adjust) us, to be like His Son! Ro. 8:28,29

- 2) Satan seeks to sidetrack us (*from God's path and plan*) through sin. Heb. 12:1,2
  - a) When Peter shifted his focus (and faith) away from Christ and toward his circumstances (Mt. 14:24-33) He sank!
  - b) All the disciples repeated this "shift" in focus for these three days and as a result:
    - b) They "partnered" with Satan (instead of God)
    - c) Their faith (and peace) sank accordingly!

**Conclusion: Hebrews 12:1-2** *"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

*3 For consider Him...* (Analogiz'omai: proportion, estimate, evaluate) *Lest ye be weary and faint"*

**If we fail to properly consider (proportion) Jesus, we'll also "faint..."**

**Proportion:**

**Noun:** The correct, or ideal relationship between one thing and the parts of a whole.

**Verb:** To adjust or regulate (something) so that it has a suitable relationship to something else.

## What Does Easter Mean?

That God has a *Plan!* (Redemption and Restoration!)

That Plan involves a *Process!* (Salvation leading to Sanctification!)

That Process involves a *Partnership!* (Commitment leading to consecration!)

That Partnership involves a Personal *Choice!* Heb. 12:3 *"for consider him..."*

*The apostles made that choice and allowed God to "shape them".*

*That choice "changed" them and God, through them,  
Changed the world!*

## Application:

We face the same challenge and choice. (Ro. 12:1,2)

*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

*2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."*

**Do you need to make some adjustments so that your relationship (*partnership*) with Jesus is appropriately aligned so that you can know the partnership of His Peace?**

**Matthew 11:28-30**

*"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*