

1. Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.
2. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.
3. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.
4. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:
5. And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? {the living: or, him that liveth}
6. He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,
7. Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.
8. And they remembered his words,

I) Christ’s death:

A) Certain:

- 1) *“The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified” (Luke 24:7).*
- 2) Read these passages (**Psalm 22; Isaiah 53**).
- 3) *“But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!” (Luke 12:50).*

B) Necessary:

- 1) *“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:17-18).*
- 2) *“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” (Romans 5:12).*
- 3) *“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3).*
- 4) *“And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission” (Hebrews 9:22).*

C) Completely sufficient:

- 1) *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).*
- 2) *“For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:12-13).*
- 3) *“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).*

II) Christ’s resurrection:

A) Certain:

- 1) *“And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (I Corinthians 15:4).*
- 2) *“And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus” (Luke 24:3).*
- 3) *“But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept” (I Corinthians 15:20).*

B) Necessary:

- 1) *“But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins” (I Corinthians 15:13-17).*
- 2) *“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you” (John 16:7).*

C) Complete victory:

- 1) *“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son” (1 John 5:11).*
- 2) *“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive” (I Corinthians 15:22).*
- 3) *“The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death” (I Corinthians 15:26).*

III) The believer’s death:

A) Choice:

- 1) *“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely” (Revelation 22:17).*
- 2) *“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:10).*

B) Necessary:

- 1) *“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3).*
- 2) *“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Hebrews 11:6).*

C) Completely free gift:

- 1) *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9).*
- 2) *“And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely” (Revelation 22:17b).*

IV) The believer’s resurrection:

A) Certain:

- 1) *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (II Corinthians 5:17).*
- 2) *“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?” (John 11:25-26).*

B) Necessary:

- 1) *“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption” (I Corinthians 15:50).*
- 2) *“And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life” (Revelation 21:27).*

C) Complete victory:

- 1) *“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? {grave: or, hell} The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (I Corinthians 15:51-57).*