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Introduction

Easter is the center of the Christian faith. Without the cross, there is no forgiveness. Without the empty tomb, there is no hope. Paul said that if Christ has not been raised, our faith is worthless and we are still in our sins (1 Corinthians 15:17, NASB).

This book walks through the last week of Jesus' life, from the crowds on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb. Along the way I want to look at what the cross answers about my past and what the resurrection answers about my future.

1 The King who came to save

Picture the scene. Jesus rides into Jerusalem with crowds all around Him. Some had come from Galilee. Others came from Bethany, where they had seen Him raise Lazarus from the dead. The people shouted words from Psalm 118, crying Hosanna, a word that means save us.

They were right about who He was and wrong about how He would save them. Many expected a king who would overthrow Rome. Jesus came to deal with a far deeper problem. Within days, many of the same voices would be silent or shouting for His death.

I want to be careful not to make the same mistake. It is easy to welcome Jesus when I think He will give me what I want. The question is whether I will still follow Him when His way of saving me looks different from what I expected.

2 Remember Me

On Thursday night Jesus ate the Passover with His disciples. He told them, I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer (Luke 22:15, NASB). He knew exactly what was ahead.

And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

Luke 22:19 (NASB)

He knew His disciples would run away. He knew Peter would deny Him three times and Judas would betray Him for thirty pieces of silver. He knew He would be beaten, mocked, crowned with thorns, and nailed to

a cross. And still He said, do this in remembrance of Me.

Every time believers take the Lord's Supper, we remember. We remember His body given and His blood poured out. We remember that He did not have to go to the cross. He chose to go, for the joy set before Him (Hebrews 12:2, NASB).

3 The cross answers my past

Blaming someone else is one of the oldest habits in the world. When Adam and Eve sinned, three things happened that had never happened before. They felt guilt and fear. They hid from God. And when God confronted them, Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent (Genesis 3:8-13, NASB).

People still ask the same questions. How do I deal with my guilt before God? How do I fix a broken relationship with Him? How do I face the consequences of what I have done? Jesus answered all of those questions, not only by what He taught, but by what He did.

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB)

On the cross, the one perfect person who ever lived stood in my place. He took what I had coming. My sin was the reason He came to Bethlehem, the reason He walked the roads of Israel, and the reason He died at Calvary. At the cross I find the answer to my past.

4 The empty tomb answers my future

On Sunday morning, women came to the tomb with spices and found the stone rolled away. The angels asked them, Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen (Luke 24:5-6, NASB).

The resurrection is not a nice story to make us feel better. It is the proof that Jesus is who He said He was and that His sacrifice was accepted. His disciples saw Him, touched Him, and ate with Him (Luke 24:39-43, NASB). Men who had run away in fear became bold witnesses willing to die for what they had seen.

People are searching for spiritual reality, wanting to do good, and afraid of the future. Jesus answers all three. In Him we meet God. Through Him we are made new and able to live for what is good. And because He lives, we do not have to fear death. Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies (John 11:25, NASB).

5 You cannot have one without the other

The cross and the empty tomb belong together. Good Friday without Easter would leave us with a dead teacher. Easter without Good Friday would leave us with a risen Lord and our sins still unpaid. Together they give us forgiveness for the past and hope for the future.

Many people try to win at life on their own terms. They chase money, success, relationships, and experiences, and still feel empty. Jesus offers something better. He lived a perfect life, died for our sins, and rose again. In Him we can find the meaning we were made for.

Easter is also a call to respond. Romans 10:9 (NASB) says that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. If you have never trusted Him, there is no better day than today.

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