

Today we want to celebrate what happened on that Sunday 2000 years ago – Resurrection Sunday (some call Easter). But hold - we can't talk about Sunday yet. Must first understand true meaning of Friday!

To understand Friday -

1) Go back in history in OT Genesis - when Adam/Eve sinned – God can't stand sin - only way to remove sin is **BLOOD** – key!! God said needed blood and started animal sacrifice “lamb” - [Genesis 3:21](#); [Lev. 17:11](#). From that moment of Adam/Eve sin – always carried sin tendency – BLOOD! Also God had plan B – reference to future savior [Genesis 3:15](#)

2) Then God's son must be born – someone who didn't have an earthly father and didn't carry the sin nature. Innocent Jesus was **BORN TO DIE**. He must become the pure blood sacrifice. Jesus grew up, was hated by Jewish leaders, and falsely accused. So on that Friday long ago, Jesus was crucified – pure innocent “lamb”. Spiritually he beat death, sin, punishment, sickness, curse of sin, and more! Power of Jesus' crucifixion!

3) We since were slaves to sin; Jesus BLOOD broke it! ([2 Cor. 5:21](#); cf [Gal. 3:13](#)) Salvation finally, ([picture of having CV](#)) – some recovered CV people are starting to have blood draws then to use that blood to fight the virus! Jesus' death on cross - all sin gone for ALL WORLD – past and future!

So Jesus crucified, then what happened?? Friday night, Saturday all day; 11 disciples; Mary His mother, Mary Magdalene, etc – what they do? Scared, hidden, thought Roman soldiers would come arrest them too. Had spent 3 years with a Messiah, now their whole world had changed. Remembering Jesus life, miracles, everything that happened. “God, are you real? I'm struggling – will you help me?” But then...

Sunday morning came! Women go to tomb – [Luke 24:1-8 NCV](#) Angels say He is not here, He is risen! Women tell others, they not believe... Now we remember that day! Celebrate! Jesus is not here, HE IS RISEN! RESURRECTION SUNDAY! HE BEAT SATAN! HE OFFERED SALVATION FROM YOUR SIN! FINALLY! IT IS READY FOR YOU AND ME!

Jesus shed His blood for you!! Compare example:

- CV person sick, then recovered, volunteers to have pint of blood drawn
- that blood went thru weeks of testing; you sick; your CV blood (like sinful blood) – pull out line/dumped in sink; still full of CV (compare to sin) – pretended to be well

Are you truly following Him; or just pretending; not following God; not trying to grow – pray, read, fellowship. Hiding sin – think go to heaven? No – God cannot stand sin!

So I must be perfect? Impossible! No – God does not require that...

Group 1 Confessing to get away with it Group 2 – serious changes...

[Time of Prayer for salvation; one of our church people will contact you.](#)

For most of us – do love the Lord and try best every day to follow Him!

** Like the Passover – prepare now to take Communion [cf 1 Cor. 11:23ff](#)

Bread = body Cup = new covenant (not bulls, sheep, doves) of blood

Often as you eat bread and drink cup, you proclaim Jesus coming again

** Then like first disciples on Resurrection Sunday morning!! JOY!!

Old Song “[He Lives](#)”; [rededication prayer](#)

