

Resurrection: Creation to New Creation

I. From the Foundation

A. Hidden Plans and Purposes

[Matthew 13:35](#) This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been **hidden since the foundation of the world.**”

B. Inheritance Prepared

[Matthew 25:34](#) (ESV)

³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, **inherit the kingdom** prepared for you **from the foundation of the world.**

C. Warfare from beginning to end

[Luke 11:50](#) (ESV)

⁵⁰ so that the **blood** of all the prophets, **shed from the foundation of the world**, may be charged against this generation,

D. Chosen in Christ to be Like Him

[Ephesians 1:4](#) (ESV)

⁴ even as **he chose us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love

E. His Work Finished

[Hebrews 4:3](#) (ESV)

³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’ ” although **his works were finished from the foundation of the world.**

F. Lamb Slain & Names Written

[Revelation 13:8](#) (ESV)

⁸ and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose **name** has not been **written before the foundation of the world in the book of life** of the **Lamb who was slain.**

[Revelation 13:8](#) (NIV)

⁸ All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose **names** have not been **written in the Lamb's book of life**, the **Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world**.

[Revelation 21:27](#) (NIV84)

²⁷ Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but **only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life**.

II. Just as He Said — The Promise Kept

A. Resurrection

[Matthew 28:6](#) (NIV84)

⁶ He is not here; he has risen, **just as he said**. Come and see the place where he lay.

[Matthew 27:63](#) (ESV)

⁶³ and said, “Sir, **we remember** how that impostor **said**, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’”

B. Death Defeated

[Matthew 16:21](#) (ESV)

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

[Matthew 17:23](#) (ESV)

²³ and **they will kill him**, and **he will be raised on the third day**.” And they were greatly distressed.

[Matthew 20:19](#) (ESV)

¹⁹ and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be **mocked and flogged and crucified**, and **he will be raised on the third day**.”

III. Finishing the Work of New Creation

A. Definite Plan to Destroy the Dominion of Death

[Acts 2:23–24](#) (ESV)

²³ this Jesus, delivered up **according to the definite plan** and **foreknowledge** of God, **you crucified** and **killed by** the hands of **lawless men**. NKJ - determined purpose

²⁴ **God raised him up**, loosing the pangs of death, because **it was not possible** for him to be held by it.

A. Darkness and the Torn Curtain

Matthew 27:45–46 ESV

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

[Matthew 27:50–51](#) (ESV)

⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, **the curtain of the temple was torn** in two, from **top to bottom**. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

B. Word of God Speaks in the Darkness

[John 19:23–24](#) “When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” *This was to fulfill the Scripture* which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things,” from [Ps 22 18](#)

[John 19:28](#) (ESV) After this, Jesus, **knowing that all was now finished**, said (to fulfill the Scripture), **“I thirst.”**

[John 19:30](#) (ESV) When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, **“It is finished,”** and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

[Psalm 22:31](#) “they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that **he has done it.**”

C. THE CROSS — Plundering Hell

WHAT GOD WAS DOING: He who knew no sin had been made sin for us.

The universe was changed!

The **Lamb of God** had taken away the sin of the world.

He descended into Hell, not as a **victim** but as a **victor**.

Arriving in Hades, his satanic majesty said, “Now get in there with all the rest of them.

Jesus responded, "I'll take those Keys!" "Now! Drop Your Weapons."

[Revelation 1:17-18](#) " ... "Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and ***I have the keys of Death and Hades.***"

[2 Timothy 1:10](#) " our Savior Christ Jesus, who ***abolished death*** and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,"

[Colossians 2:13-15](#) (ESV)

¹³ And you, who were ***dead in your trespasses*** and the ***uncircumcision*** of your flesh, God ***made alive together with him,*** having *forgiven us all our trespasses.*

¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

¹⁵ He ***disarmed the rulers and authorities*** and ***put them to open shame,*** by ***triumphing over them*** in him.

[Colossians 2:14-15](#) (MSG) the slate wiped clean, that old arrest warrant canceled and nailed to Christ's cross. ¹⁵ He stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the Cross and marched them naked through the streets.

Charles Wesley:

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free. His blood can make the foulest clean ... His blood availed for me.

Horatio Spafford:

3 My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious tho't!— My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Not only has he blotted out the record of [our] indebtedness but he [stripped the slave masters of their weapons.]

They had him in their grasp and had conquered him forever was ***turned by him into the instrument of their defeat and disablement.***

As he was suspended there, bound hand and foot to the CROSS, they imagined they had him at their mercy, and flung themselves on him with all their evil.

But, he grappled with them and mastered them - bearing our sin & dying in LOVE, ***stripping them of the armor in which they trusted,*** and held them aloft in his outstretched hands, displaying to the universe their helplessness and his own unvanquished strength.

D. Buried as it was Written

[Matthew 27:57–60](#) “57 When it was evening, there came **a rich man** from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. 58 He **went to Pilate and asked for the body** of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. 59 And Joseph took the body and **wrapped it in a clean linen shroud** 60 and **laid it in his own new tomb**, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.”

[Luke 23:55–56](#) “The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. 56 Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.”

[John 19:39–40](#) “39 **Nicodemus** also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of **myrrh and aloes**, about **seventy-five pounds in weight**. 40 So they took **the body of Jesus** and **bound it in linen cloths with the spices**, as is the burial custom of the Jews.”

IV. RESURRECTION!

[Luke 24:1–6](#) (ESV) But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.

⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, **“Why do you seek the living among the dead?”**

⁶ ***He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, ...***”

He is not **here!** His tomb is **empty!** Death could not hold Him!

Buddha, Mohammed, Nietzsche—they’re all dead!

Despite the seal, despite the Roman guards, despite the grief and unbelief of his disciples, despite the mocking of the crowd, despite my own disappointments, despite the impossible pressures on your life and mine, **Jesus is not in the grave! He has risen!!**

[Colossians 2:9–10](#) (MSG)

⁹ Everything of God gets expressed in him, so you can see and hear him clearly. You don’t need a telescope, a microscope, or a horoscope to realize the fullness of Christ, and the

emptiness of the universe without him. ¹⁰ When you come to him, that fullness comes together for you, too. His power extends over everything.

For 40 days, he walked and talked, ate and disappeared, walked through walls, asked for food, imparted SHALOM, cooked breakfast, salvaged a failed fishing trip, restored Peter, and spoke of the kingdom. He was seen by over 500 at one time.

It is the most historically verifiable event in the ancient world.

And then he ascended!

V. Ascension — Up and Up He Arose

“He took Captivity Captive” and **moved Paradise to Better Quarters**

Matthew 27:52–53 *ESV*

⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,

⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

John 20:17 *ESV*

¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ”

[Ephesians 4:8](#) (NASB95)

⁸ Therefore it says, “WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE **LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES**, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN.”

Up and up He went, leading a great army of released saints!

Ephesians 1:20–21 *ESV*

²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

As they approached Heavenly Jerusalem the Throng Cried Out

[Psalm 24:7-10](#) “7 Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

The angelic protectors called back

8 Who is this King of glory?

To which the Redeemed Multitude answered

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! 9 Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Still not satisfied, the angels cried out one more time

10 Who is this King of glory?

The Multitude answers back one more time:

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! Selah”

He’s just returning from the Battlefield of Golgotha, where single-handedly,

he satisfied the Law,

he defeated all the hosts of hell,

set captivity free!!

Now open up and let him in!!

VI. Coronation

As he takes his seat at the right hand of the Father, he is crowned and given the name above all names.

Psalm 45:6-7 ESV

⁶ Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

⁷ you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

[Hebrews 1:8](#) “But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.”

The Coronation oil is the oil of gladness. He poured it out on the Day of Pentecost and continues to pour it out to this day.

VII. The Reign

A. Until

Psalm 110:1-3 (ESV)

¹ The LORD says to my Lord: “**Sit** at my right hand, **until** I make **your enemies your footstool.**”

² The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. **Rule in the midst of your enemies!**

³ **Your people** will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

1 Corinthians 15:24-26 (ESV)

²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

²⁵ For **he must reign until** he has put all his enemies under his feet.

²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

•**Destroyed Death — 6th Day (1st Day)**

•**Took the Keys — 7th Day (2nd Day)**

•**Released New Creation on the 8th Day! (3rd)**

1 Corinthians 15:21 For as **by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.** ²² For **as in Adam all die,** so also **in Christ shall all be made alive.**

54 The perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

B. Glory and Dominion to All Ages

Crucifixion - what we did to Him —

Cross - what He did for us!

As he dies he destroys death! (St. John Chrystostom)

Let no one fear death, for the Savior’s death has set us free.

He that was taken by death has annihilated it.

By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive.

It took a body, and met God face to face.

It took earth, and encountered Heaven. -

It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?

Christ is risen, and you are overthrown.

Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen.

Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice.

Christ is risen, and life reigns.

Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave.

For Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the first fruits of those who sleep.

To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE TOMB IS EMPTY!!

IV. Consummation of All Things

[Hebrews 9:28](#) (ESV)

²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, **will appear a second time**, not to deal with sin but **to save those who are eagerly waiting for him**.

[Luke 21:25–28](#) (NIV84) “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, **nations will be in anguish and perplexity** at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

²⁸ When these things begin to take place, **stand up** and **lift up your heads**, because **your redemption is drawing near**.”

Revelation 21:6 ESV

⁶ And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.