



Easter Sunday

**International Baptist Church of Prague
Sunday 4 April 2021**

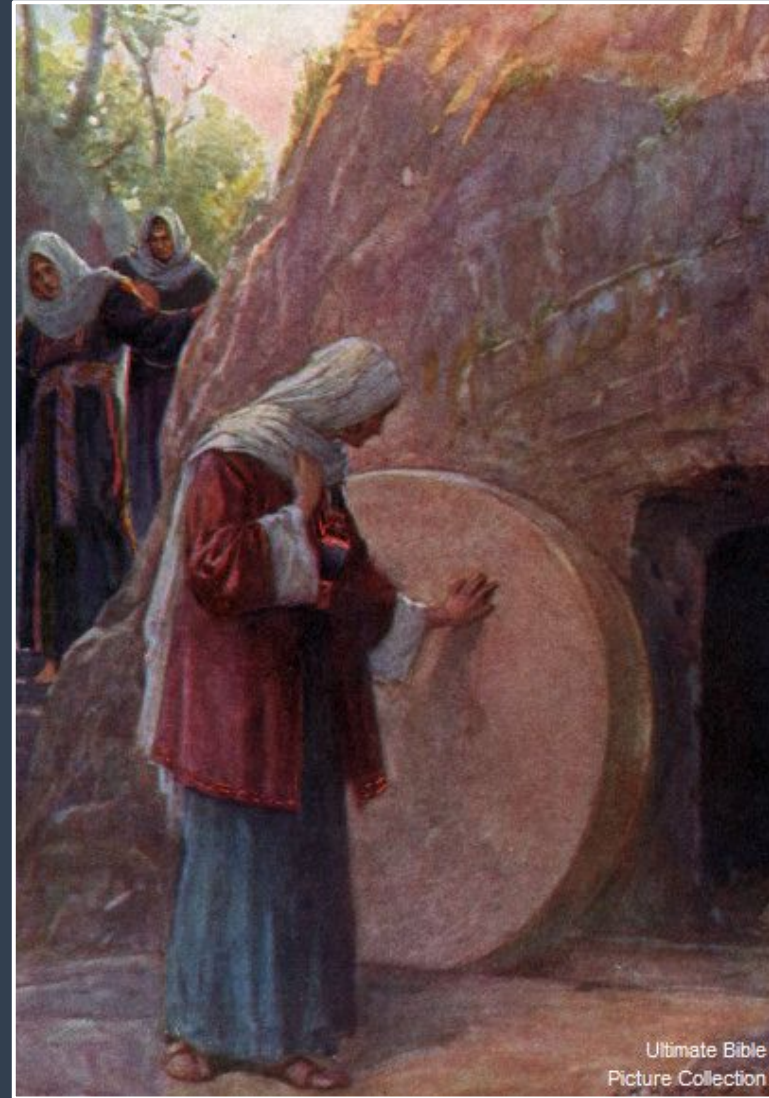
PRAYER



Easter Sunday – LUKE 24:1-12

¹ On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead?' ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:



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⁷ “The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.”

⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.



Easter Sunday – LUKE 24:13-49

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognising him.

‘What are you discussing together as you walk along?’

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked, ‘Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?’ ‘What things?’ ‘About Jesus of Nazareth. He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him...’



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‘...but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.’

‘How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?’



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And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.'

So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.

Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'



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They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.'

Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them.

'Peace be with you.'

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?

Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.

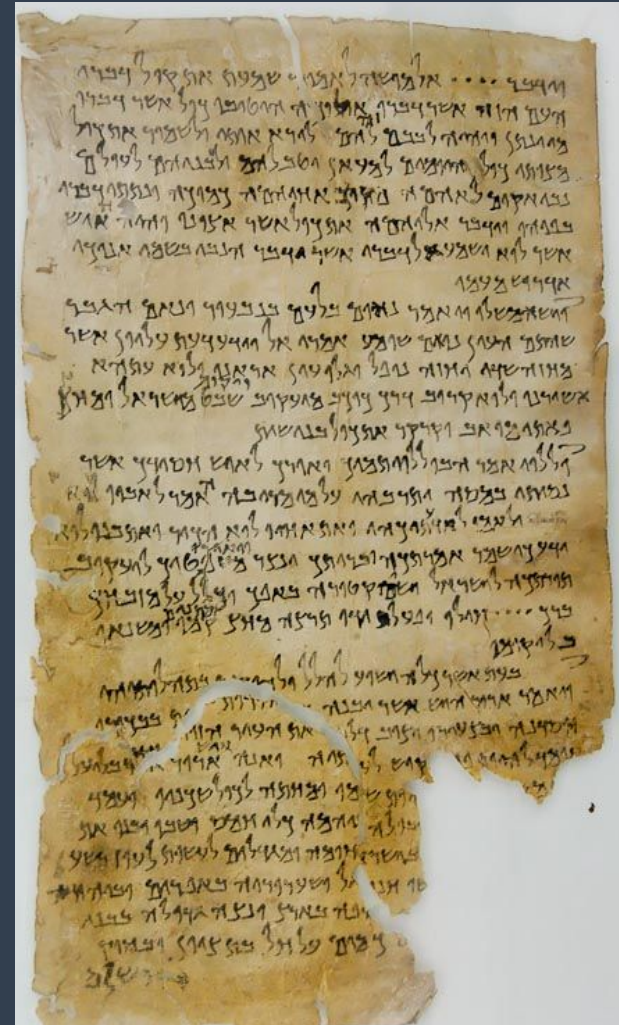


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And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, ‘Do you have anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

‘This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.’

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ‘This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’



A scenic landscape featuring a range of snow-capped mountains in the background, a dense forest of evergreen trees in the middle ground, and a calm lake in the foreground that perfectly reflects the mountains and trees. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

SERMON

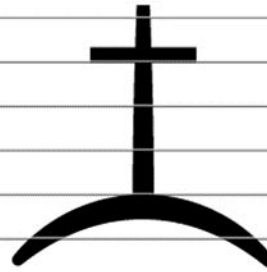
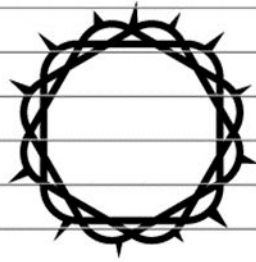
PRAYER





Easter Sunday

**LUKE 24:
Resurrection Encounters**



A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN SEVEN DAYS

PALM SUNDAY

GOOD FRIDAY

EASTER SUNDAY



A LOT CAN HAPPEN
IN JUST 3 DAYS



LUKE 24:36-49: “Resurrection”
“No resurrection, no Christianity”



1 Corinthians 15:14

“And if Christ has not been raised,
our preaching is useless and so is your faith.”

LUKE 24:36-39: “Fear”

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”



LUKE 24:40-43: “Amazement”

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.



LUKE 24:44-47: “Understanding”

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”



LUKE 24:44-47: “Understanding”

**I HAVE TOLD YOU
THESE THINGS,
SO THAT IN ME
YOU MAY HAVE PEACE.
IN THIS WORLD
YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLE.
BUT TAKE HEART!
I HAVE OVERCOME
THE WORLD.**

JOHN 16:33

Hebrews 7:25

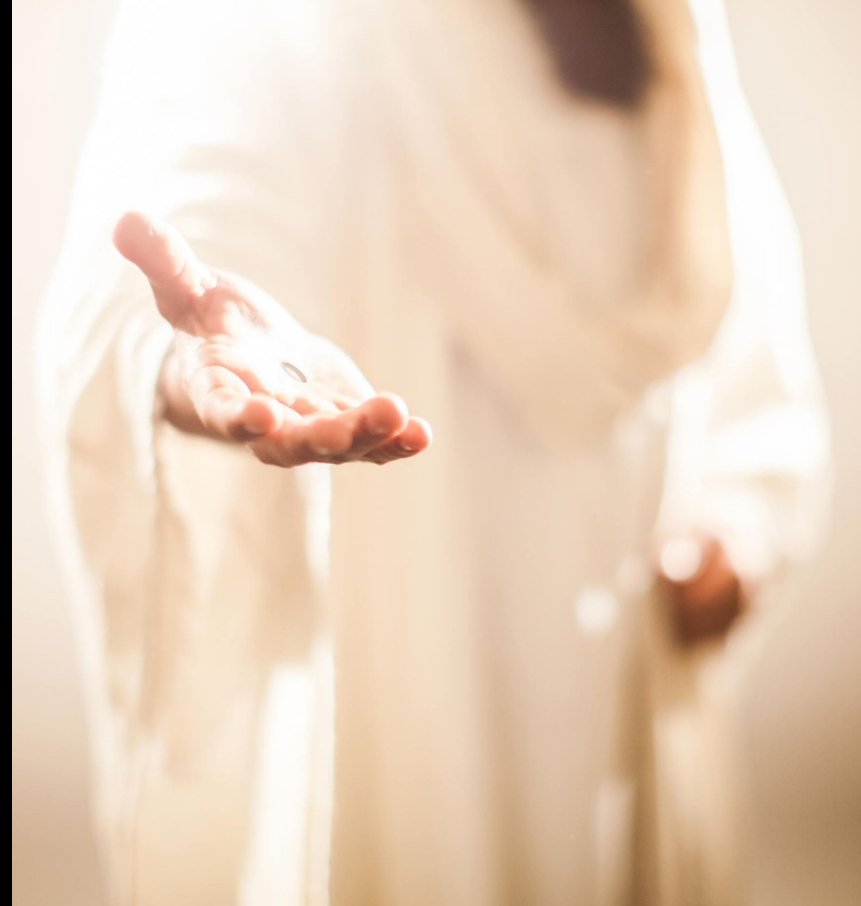
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LUKE 24:48-49: “Commission”

Luke 24:48-49: “You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Acts 1:8: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



LUKE 24:48-49: “Commission”

Acts 3:13-15: “The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.”





“In short, I didn’t become a Christian because God promised I would have an even happier life than I had as an atheist. He never promised any such thing. Indeed, following him would inevitably bring divine demotions in the eyes of the world. Rather, I became a Christian because the evidence was so compelling that Jesus really is the one-and-only Son of God who proved his divinity by rising from the dead. That meant following him was the most rational and logical step I could possibly take.”

~LEE STROBEL

THE CASE FOR Christ

*A Journalist's Personal Investigation
of the Evidence for Jesus*

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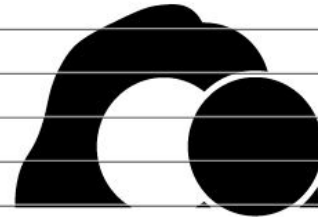
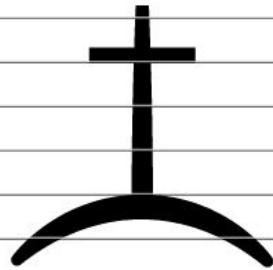
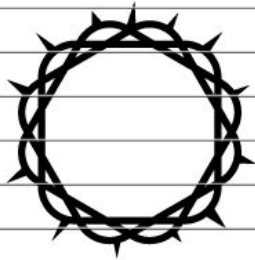
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

THE DISCIPLES' JOURNEY

From FEAR to FAITH

From AMAZEMENT to ADORATION

From UNDERSTANDING to COMMITMENT



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

ALL

LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer

PRAYER for the persecuted church – YEMEN

#7 on Open Doors World Watch List 2021



From a population of 30 million, there are only a few thousand Christians in Yemen.

PRAYER for the persecuted church – YEMEN

Christians in Yemen usually keep their faith secret, because if they are discovered then they could face the death penalty. Leaving Islam is forbidden, and all Yemenis are considered Muslims by the state.

It's not just the authorities who persecute Christians. Islamic militant groups threaten Christians from a Muslim background with death, and tribes may kill or banish anybody converting to Christianity.

The ongoing war, humanitarian crisis and Covid-19 pandemic in Yemen are impacting all citizens, but Christians are additionally vulnerable because emergency relief is mostly distributed through Islamic organisations and local mosques. These are believed to discriminate against anybody who is not considered to be a devout Muslim. There are accounts of Yemeni Christians being refused treatment at under-resourced hospitals.

PRAYER for the persecuted church – YEMEN

“Mohammad” became a Christian after unexpectedly coming across a Bible in a second-hand shop. So few Christians can reveal their faith that it took a long time before Mohammad met any other believers.

“When I came to faith, I thought I was the only believer in Yemen,” Mohammad remembers. “For a long time, I didn’t know any other Yemeni Christians. Now I know many, and there are many more like us.”

His wife “Alima” later also gave her life to Jesus, and they run Bible studies together – but they dress in traditional Muslim clothing. They can’t reveal to anybody that they are believers, unless they trust them deeply. The consequence could be death.

PRAYER for the persecuted church – YEMEN



PRAYER: Lord God, we pray for Your protection over Your children in Yemen. We ask that You would show them that their true identity is not in their tribe, community or nationality but first and foremost in Jesus. Please bring peace and stability to the country and ensure that Your children can survive the ongoing humanitarian crisis. Build a resilient church, we pray. Amen

PRAYER for the CHURCH and PERSONAL NEEDS

ALL

LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and for ever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS





APRIL AT IBCP



Sunday 4	EASTER SUNDAY – Luke 24 Online at 11.00 IBCP FB page & website
Wednesday 7	19.00 Prayer Fellowship via ZOOM
Friday 9	19.00 Students' Fellowship via ZOOM
Saturday 10	15.00 Shawn & Kaya Wedding
Sunday 11	Luke 24 & Acts 1: 'Ascension & Commission' Online at 11.00 IBCP FB page & website
Sunday 18	Ezra 1 & 2 "Return to Jerusalem" Online at 11.00 IBCP FB page & website



CENSUS
Count me in!

WHO?

Everyone who has a temporary or permanent residence
in the Czech Republic

HOW?

Online OR On Paper: until 11 May

HELP!

<https://www.scitani.cz/csu/scitaniz021/home> or [scitani.cz](https://www.scitani.cz)

Contact: Anna at axai.hr@gmail.com



Benediction

The Grace ...

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with us all,
Now and forever more.

Amen



A blue-tinted photograph of a church interior. A large, dark cross is mounted on the wall in the background. The lighting is soft and focused on the cross. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

To
God
be the Glory!