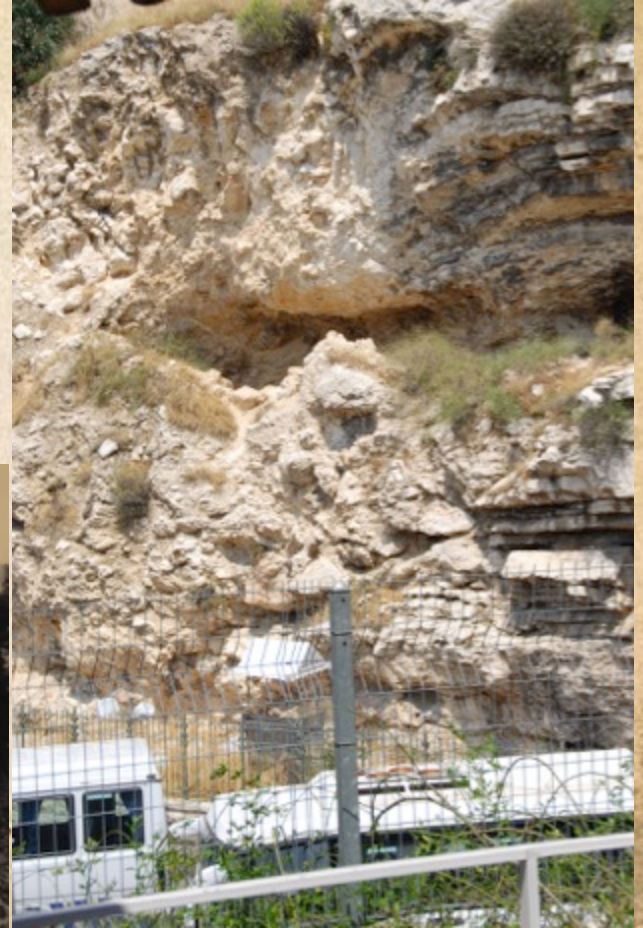


**RESURRECTION
AND THE
VICTORY PROCESSION**

(WILL YOU BE IN IT?)

Jesus is Crucified

19:17 Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).



Jesus is Crucified

18 Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

19 ¶ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

John 19:17-19 (NIV)

“It is Finished”

28 Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

29 A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

31 ¶ Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.

32-33 The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

John 19 28-33 (NIV)

Jesus is Buried

38 ¶ Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away.

39-40 He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.



41 At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no-one had ever been laid.

42 Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was near by, they laid Jesus there.

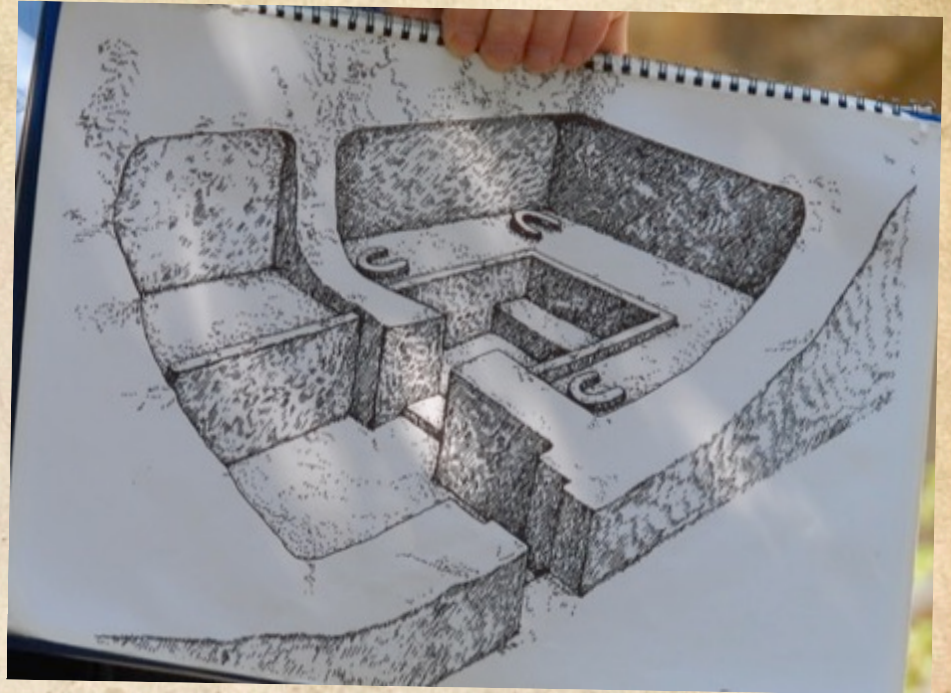
John 19:38-42 (NIV)

1 ¶ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.

4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.



- 6 Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.
- 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

John 20:1-9 (NIV)

Victory

55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 15:55-57 (NIV)

Roman Victory Procession

Senators (the politicians)

Musicians

Plunder, or spoils of war

Bulls and oxen for sacrifice

Rare plants and animals

Art or displays to glorify the battle

Standards

Captives

Attendants

Imperator, or general,
(on a chariot drawn by four horses)

Family and officers

Soldiers, and

People who had been freed / liberated

God's Victory Procession

14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him.

15 For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task?

2 Co 2:14-16 (NIV)

Jesus – Our Imperator

The only begotten Son of God

No conscription – our choice

Desires love relationship

Personal Saviour and Lord

Join His victory procession



Jesus' Example



"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death"

"My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

"My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."



Sweet Aroma (Fragrance of Life)

Be transformed... not conformed
(i.e. be different from the world around you)

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1Pe 2:12 (NIV)

Displays of...

Power

Courage

Perseverance

Trust

Freed From Bondage to Sin

Serve Each Other in Love

Would God Approve?

Thanksgiving

Contentment

1 Cor 4

Perception - Impossible!

8-9 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

Reality - Spiritual Victory

14 ...we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.

16-17 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

1 Cor 4

Solution

18 ... fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Perception: Satan Won

Reality: Jesus is Risen!

Salvation: Your Saviour and Lord

Role: Reflect His Love

How: Trust, Follow

**May God richly bless you as you
celebrate the victory Jesus won
through His resurrection!**