

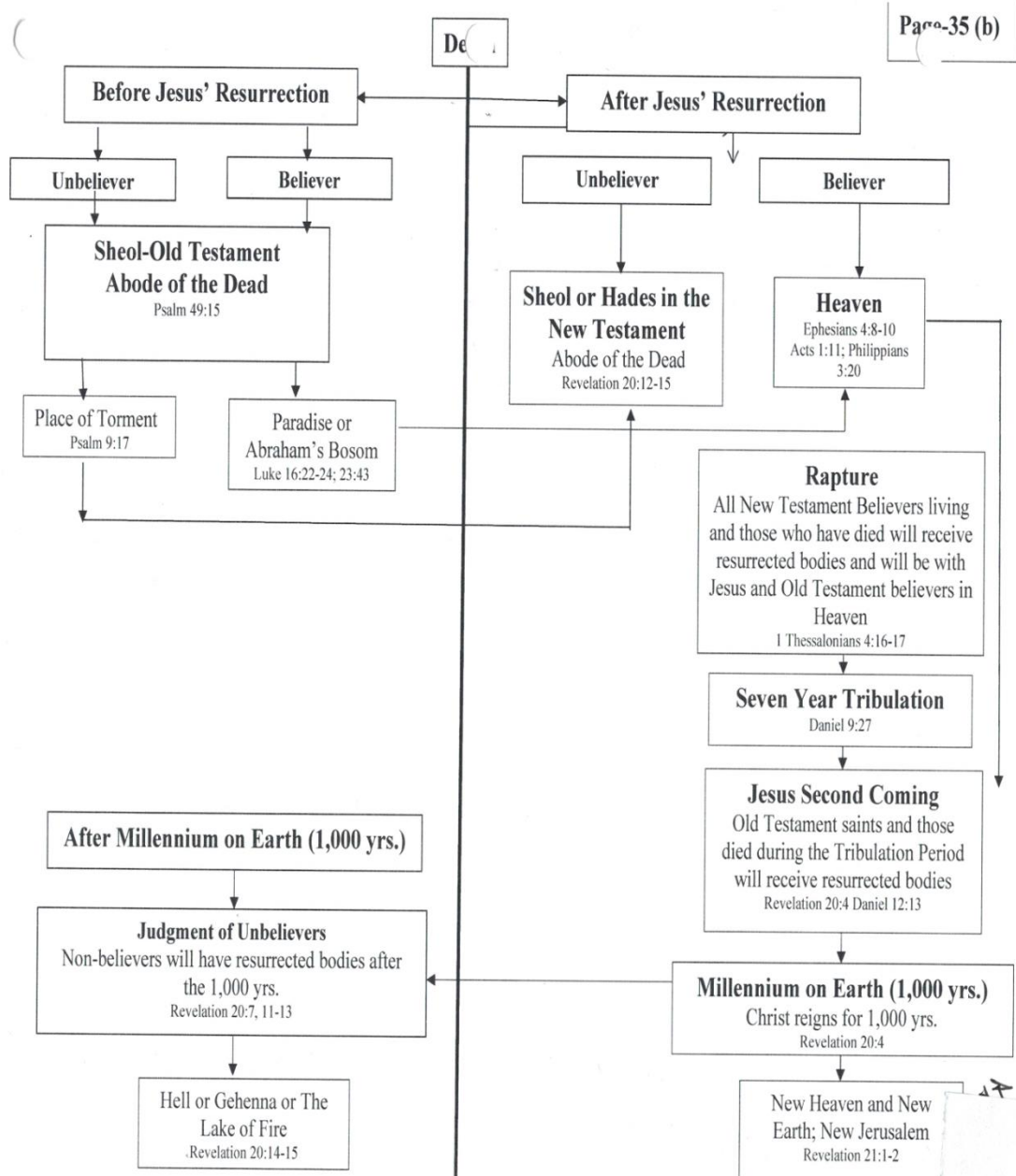
Bible Basics-The Resurrection Chapter 27-Matthew, Luke, John

“High” or “Special” Day
John 19:31
Nisan

Mon. 10 th	Tue s. 11 th	Wed. 12 th	Thurs. 13 th	Fri. 14 th	Sat. 15 th	Sun. 16 th	Mon. 17 th	Tues. 18 th	Wed. 19 th	Thu s. 20 th	Fri. 21 st
*Cleansing of the Temple *Lamb Selected (Ex. 12:3-6)			Lord's Supper Passover began on Thurs. at sunset	Jesus' Death Passover-technical day for Passover	Sabbath-rest-Feast of Unleavened Bread perfection Jesus in the Tomb	Resurrection First Fruits-consecration of first crops to God Countdown to Pentecost 50 days *					End of Unleavened Bread

Where did Jesus Go After His Crucifixion? (1 Peter 3:18-20)

- Luke 23:39-43 gives us an insight where Jesus went after His Crucifixion.
- From the beginning of time there were **two** places a spirit would go after death.
 - One was called “Paradise” or “Abraham’s Bosom.”
 - The other was called “the place of **torment**.”
 - Both places are referred to as “Sheol” (Old Testament) or Hades (New Testament). This was the place of the dead or departing spirits.
- When Jesus told the thief on the cross that “**today**” he would be with Jesus in Paradise, He meant the place of Paradise in Hades.
- There was a great **chasm** that separated the two parts of Hades.
- According to Luke 16:19-31, those on either side could communicate with those on the other.
- When Jesus descended into Hades, it did not mean He went to the place the **Place of torment**.
- So, how did Jesus preach to those whose spirits were in prison (Place of Torment) in 1 Peter 3:18-20?
 - He was able to yell or speak across the chasm without actually going there.
- Jesus took those who were in “Paradise” and led them to **Heaven** to be with the Father (Ephesians 4:7-10; Psalm 68:18).



The Gospel of Matthew

Chapter 28

Vs. 1-15-The Earthquake

- After the Sabbath, (now Sunday) Mary Magdalene and the “other” Mary (probably the mother of James-Matthew 27:56) came to the tomb to prepare the body of Jesus.
- A great **earthquake** occurred, and an angel of the Lord rolled the stone away.
- The angel told the women not to be afraid.
- The women were told that Jesus had risen and that He would appear to the **disciples**.
- The guards told the chief priests all that had happened at the tomb.
- The elders were assembled and gave a large sum of **money** to the soldiers. The soldiers were told to say that the disciples had come during the night and stole the body of Jesus.

The Gospel of John

Chapter 20

Vs. 1-14-The Resurrection

- Ryrie states the order of Christ’s appearances throughout the Gospel accounts: 1) to **Mary Magdalene** and the other women (vv.11-18; Matt. 28:8-10; Mark 16:9-10; 2) to Peter, probably in the afternoon (Luke 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:5; 3) to the disciples on the Emmaus road toward **evening** (Mark 16:12; Luke 24:13-32; 4) to the disciples, except Thomas, in the upper room (vv. 19-25; Luke 24:36-43; 5) to the disciples, including Thomas, on the next Sunday night (vv.26-29; Mark 16:14; 6) to seven disciples beside the Sea of Galilee (21:1-24; 7) to the apostles and more than **500** brothers and James, the Lord’s half brother (1 Cor. 15:6-7); 8) to those who witnessed the ascension (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:19; Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:3-12).

Vs. 15-31-Jesus Calls Mary

- Mary recognized the voice of Jesus after He stated her name. Does Jesus ever speak your name? Do we **recognize** His voice when He calls?
- Jesus reiterated a powerful phrase when He stated, “**Peace** be with you.”
- John told of Jesus’ signs in order that one may believe that Jesus is the **Christ**, the Son of God; and that by believing one may have life in His name.

The Gospel of Luke

Chapter 24

Vs. 13-35-The Emmaus Road

- After Jesus' **resurrection**, two believers-Cleopas (vs. 18) and possibly his wife-were traveling to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. Jesus appeared to them and began to explain the scriptures from Moses to the prophets about the things concerning Himself.
- For whatever reason, the two did not **recognize** who Jesus was.
- The two invited Jesus to stay for dinner. While at dinner, Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. At that moment their eyes were opened, they recognized Jesus and He **vanished** from their sight.
- They immediately returned to Jerusalem, found the disciples and told how Jesus had appeared to them.
- As they were telling their story, Jesus appeared and said, "**Peace** be to you."
- Jesus opened their minds to understand the scriptures concerning Him.
- Jesus instructed the disciples to **stay** in the city until they received power from on high. This would be the infilling of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The Gospel of John

Chapter 20

Vs. 19-29-Jesus Appears to Thomas

- For some reason **Thomas** was not with the disciples when Jesus appeared. When they told Thomas that they had seen Jesus, he refused to believe it unless he could see the nail prints in his hands and side.
- Thomas appears to have been a very strong man in character (John 11:7-8; 16-the death of Lazarus).
- After eight days, Jesus appeared again this time with Thomas in attendance. Jesus told Thomas to put his finger into His hand and to touch His side. Thomas recognized Jesus and **believed**

Chapter 21

Vs. 1-14-The Disciples Go Fishing

- Sometime later, Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James and John, and two others decided to fish in the **Sea of Galilee**.

- During the night, the disciples did not catch any fish. The next morning Jesus stood on the shore and told them to cast their net on the right-hand side of the boat. Not recognizing Jesus, they obeyed and caught a tremendous number of fish. John (the writer of this Gospel) recognized Jesus and proclaimed that it was the Lord.
- **Peter** immediately threw himself into the sea and swam to shore.
- When the other disciples reached the shore, Jesus had prepared a fish breakfast for them.

Vs. 15-17-Jesus Confronts Peter

- After eating breakfast, Jesus asked Peter whether he **Loved** Him. Peter answered, “Yes, Lord: You know that I love You.” Jesus responded, “Tend My lambs.”
- Jesus asked a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you **love** Me?” Peter answered Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” Jesus said, “Shepherd My sheep.”
- Jesus asked a third time, “Simon, son of John, do you **love** Me?” Peter was deeply grieved for being asked this question three times and answered, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said, “Tend My sheep.”
- The first two times that Jesus asked whether Peter loved Him, Jesus used the word **agapo** which means to love with strong affection (Zodhiates: The Complete Word Study Dictionary). This word also means to have total commitment.
- The third time Jesus uses the word **phileo** which means to have affection for someone but not one of total commitment.
- When John responds to Jesus he uses *phileo* all three times.
- It is possible that John did not want to use *agapo* since he had promised to give his life for Jesus before His crucifixion and had **denied** Jesus three times.
- Jesus asked Peter to tend His sheep meaning to shepherd His followers (1 Peter 5:1-4).

Vs. 18-25-Jesus Foretells Peter’s Death

- Jesus told Peter that he would die by **crucifixion** when He said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go” (NAS).
- Jesus then responded to Peter, “**Follow Me.**”
- **John** asked Jesus what the outcome would be for John, the disciple whom Jesus loved.

- Jesus answered by saying, “If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!” (NAS)
- John went on to state that if all the things that Jesus did were written down, the **world** itself could not contain all the books.
- The Gospel of John was written by John, the author of 1st, 2nd, 3rd John, and Relation.

The Gospel of Matthew-16

Vs. 13-18-Jesus Identity Revealed

- At an earlier time during Jesus’ ministry He had asked the disciples who they thought He was. Peter answered that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God. Peter was recognizing Jesus as the **Messiah**.
- Jesus responded to Peter that it was the Father in heaven who had revealed this to him.
- Jesus went on to say, “I also say to you that you are Peter and upon this **rock**, I will build My church. Many misunderstand this phrase as to mean that Jesus would build His church (the Christian church) upon Peter.
- The name Peter in Greek means **petros** or stone. When Jesus states that He would build His church upon “this rock” He uses **Petra** a projecting rock, cliff. Jesus meant that the church would be built upon the revelation of Jesus as Messiah (or Jesus Himself).

Summary

Vs. 23 sums up John’s Gospel, “...If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!” Our goal is to follow Jesus.

Discussion Questions

Chapter 27

1. Mary recognized the voice of Jesus after He said her name.
 - a. Does Jesus speak to us today? Explain?
 - b. Have you ever heard Jesus' voice?
 - c. What can we do to hear Jesus' voice?

2. Jesus appeared to two unnamed followers on the Road to Emmaus.
 - a. Apparently, these two followers were not part of the 11 Disciples. Why do you think Jesus appeared to these two?
 - b. It is interesting to note that Luke did not mention their names. What might this tell us about Jesus meeting the needs of ordinary people?
 - c. Why do you think Jesus disappeared after their eyes were opened?

3. After Jesus death, Peter went back to his former profession of fishing.
 - a. What lesson might we learn about Peter's behavior and his old lifestyle.
 - b. Why is it easy to fall back into old habits (not reading the Bible, not attending church, not fellowshiping with other Christians, etc.)?
 - c. What can a Christian do to stay on track when following Jesus?

4. Jesus told Peter that he would eventually die by crucifixion.
 - a. What gave Peter the courage to live such a courageous life after Jesus resurrection?
 - b. Read 1 Peter 1:14-15. How might Peter have applied these verses to himself?
 - c. Read 1 Peter 4:1-2. How did these verses apply to Peter's life?

5. Jesus stated that the church would be built upon Himself.
 - a. How do many unbelievers define the Church?
 - b. What misconceptions can believers have of the church?
 - c. Read John 17:20-21. How do these verses apply to the church today?