



DAY 7 SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020

READ SCRIPTURE:

- Matthew 27:62-66

⁶² The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

- 1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Why are the Jewish leaders SO scared of a dead man? Why do they ask Pilate to guard the tomb? What does this request show us about their faith?

2. The religious leaders speak of Jesus being a fraud. What evidence would they have of Jesus actually being a messianic fraud? What were the signs of Messiah they should have paid careful attention to look for in anyone claiming to be the Messiah?
3. What do you think about this 1st Peter 3 passage? Did Jesus descend to hell and preach the gospel to spirits in prison there? How does that reconcile (or does it) with Hebrews 9:27?
4. Why do you think Scripture is fairly silent on this day of Holy Week?

PRAYER:

- Ask God to give you the perspective the disciples might have had at this point (hopelessness because Jesus was dead). Not because you are hopeless, but simply to remind yourself that if Christ stayed dead, you would be hopeless (1 Corinthians 15).
- Thank God that Saturday of Holy Week isn't the end of the story! Praise God that Sunday morning is coming!