

ישוע הוא קם לתחייה

Yeshua Has Risen!

Yeshua was crucified upon the execution stake at noon on the first day of unleavened bread (the 15th of the first month, which is called Nisan), and He hung there until 3:00 in the afternoon. Having suffered the terrible death of crucifixion, Yeshua finally gave up His life. Just before He died, He cried out, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit” (cf. Ps 31:5). And with that, He breathed His last breath. Many of His friends watched as our Master died, and one of them was named Yoseph, who was a member of the Sanhedrin. Having seen that Yeshua had died, he went to Pilate and requested that he be given permission to remove the body of our Master from the execution stake, and provide a proper burial for the body. He was given permission, and so he took the body of Yeshua and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid the body of Yeshua into a tomb that was cut out of the rock in a hillside, a tomb in which no other body had been buried. The women who had accompanied Yeshua on His teaching tours watched and saw exactly where Joseph had buried Yeshua’s body. They were determined to wrap His body with spices which was the custom



of their times. But since the Shabbat was quickly approaching, they realized they would have to wait until the Shabbat was over to carry the spices and wrap Yeshua’s body for a proper burial. So they went to their homes to celebrate the Shabbat, determining to come after the Shabbat to the tomb where Yeshua’s body had been laid. Can you imagine what kind of Shabbat they had? Even though the Shabbat was suppose to be a day of joy and gladness, we can imagine that they were very sorrowful. Their Master, their Teacher, had been cruelly executed and lay dead in the tomb.

But following havdalah, the women gathered the spices they had previously prepared and headed off for the tomb. It was dark, and as they made their way to the tomb, they wondered how they would be able to roll the large stone away that covered the opening. As they approached the tomb, they were amazed to find the stone already removed! As they looked into the tomb, they saw that the body of Yeshua was not there. Then suddenly they saw a man in dazzling white garments standing there. Can you imagine how frightened they must have been? Then the man said to them, “Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.” Indeed, they did remember His words, and they realized now what He had meant. With joy in their hearts they left the tomb and made their way to the place where the talmidim were gathered. While they were going, Yeshua Himself met them. Mary thought it was the gardener, and she said, “Sir, if you know where the body is, tell me!” Then Yeshua said called her by name, and she realized who it was! It was her Master, her Messiah, and He was alive! Then Yeshua instructed them to go to the talmidim and tell them the good news. Well, when they arrived at the place where the talmidim were, they burst into the room proclaiming, “We were at the tomb, and we did not find Yeshua’s body there. Instead, a man dressed in pure white clothes told us that Yeshua had risen—that He was alive! And then we actually met Yeshua on the way here, and He spoke to us! He’s alive! He has risen!”

Well, the talmidim thought the women were crazy! How could such a thing be true? So Cephas and Yochanan took off running to see for themselves. Now Yochanan was a priest, so he took a route that only priests could travel—a kind of short-cut. He therefore arrived at the tomb first, and he realized that everything the women had said was true. Yeshua’s body was not there! Shortly after that, Peter arrived and he went right into the tomb, and he saw the same thing. Yeshua’s body was not there. The women had told the truth! Yeshua was not dead—He had risen from the dead, proving Himself to be the very source of life. Just as He has said, He arose from the dead on the third day.





