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## Resurrection Day - God's Love for Man

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*Text: John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

### Introduction Summary

Resurrection Day, traditionally known as Easter, is the recognition of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. But, ultimately, it is the story of how much God loves man. Because of Adam's sin, God needed a man that would follow His way and then pay the penalty for that sin. Resurrection day is the result of God's love and desire for man to live an abundant life on earth and in heaven.

### I. Adam Disobeyed God

A. 1 John 4:4 - Adam followed Satan, making him (Satan) temporary god of this world

B. Genesis 3:15 God's plan to rescue man from his bad choices and failure. LOVE

For more clarity about the nature of man, read Gen. 2:17, 4:8 and Romans 5:1. The death nature was passed down to each generation, until everyone in the entire planet was full of sin except for one man – Noah.

### II. Noah Obeys God

A. Gen. 6:5, 8 Every thought of man was *only* evil, but Noah found grace in God's sight.

B. Genesis 6:14 – When Noah was surrounded by death and destruction, God told him to build an ark. Because of sin a flood of rain came upon the earth. Everyone died (Gen. 7:21) except Noah and his family--spared in the ark God told him to build. (Gen. 8:18) God continues to look for a man to use to bring deliverance to mankind. Read Gen 11:4 to see how man continues to rebel.

Noah having built an ark is an example of God and us. When we are completely surrounded by death and destruction God makes a way, an ark, to keep us safe and provide the knowledge to survive and prosper again.

### III. Abram Obeys God

A. God found a very unlikely person named Abram (Gen. 12:1-3) and his wife, Sarah. God stoops down to enter into a covenant (Gen. 15:18) with him, so that if he would obey God's word he and his offspring would be blessed in every way. (Gen. 12:2)

B. It took decades for this man to mature enough that he would fully believe and keep his part of the deal but, eventually he did (Romans 4:20). Because God loves man, he patiently waited. He wanted billions, yes, trillions of them to be able to live with Him in heaven (1 Timothy 2:4). Doing away with the death sentence imposed upon man continues to be passed down from one generation to the next (Romans 5:14).

C. Genesis 18:19 God chose Abram: He would require all his household to serve God.

1. Genesis 22:10 Passing the ultimate test - Abraham believed God's word so much that he was willing to take his sons life, at God's behest, because of the covenant which, among other things, requires reciprocal actions. That is the opposite of what Adam did; he chose Eve and satan over God. (1 Cor. 15:22)

2. Philippians 2:8 God now has a legal source, a man through whom the Savior of mankind could descend, Who would pay Adam's penalty.

a. Romans 6:23 The price of his sin was death

b. Psalm 9:17 Hell for all mankind.

Abraham's descendants (the Jews) were to show the world how to be blessed in every way. (Deut. 28:13). Ultimately God gave them the law to live by (Gal. 3:19). All who obeyed would experience God's blessings, until His promise to Abraham was fulfilled. From Abraham's future offspring, the Savior would be born—Jesus.

#### **IV. Mary Obeys God**

Luke 1:38 – Mary is a faith-filled virgin who submits herself to God's word and brings in the Savior of the world.

#### **V. Jesus: The Savior of the World – Our Ark**

A. Romans 3:23 That ark is a symbol of salvation thru Jesus Christ today. We are born in sin; what awaits us is a certain horrible judgment because of it.

B. John 3:17 God has made a way out of that certain judgment to a way of certain eternal life thru the One who would suffer on earth and in hell in our place. He chose to be our sacrifice and pay our penalty.

#### **Closing Summary**

Jesus did it all for You!!! He has already forgiven you and accepted you. If you accept Him, you will be saved and receive a new nature of peace (2 Cor. 5:17). Jesus died and went to hell for you; but He arose to make sure you receive all of the blessings due you! Won't you receive Him? Peter denied the Lord, but Jesus forgive him and God used him to bring in the first great harvest of people into His Kingdom (Acts 2:14). Peter became the leader of the disciples. He will do the same for you!!!!