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Day of Burial and Day of Resurrection

His message to

Herod spoke of

(1) Today (2) To-

morrow and (3)

This article will be more easily understood by first reading the previous one. Our problem is that in the English language there is no way to harmonize three Jewish expressions—"*after* three days;" "three *days and three nights*" and "*on* the third day." There is no way to harmonize *on* and *after*.

However, the Jews used these three expressions to

refer to the *same* period of time. Even Jesus used these three phrases to refer to the time He was in the grave. If we spoke of time as the Jews did, *using their language*, there would be no problem. Consider the following to see how the Hebrews had no problem using these phrases interchangeably.

The peace offering could be eaten on the same day it was offered or on the next day, but none

could be eaten "on the third day" (Lev. 19:6-7). David made a plan with Jonathan that involved the day of his conversation, "tomorrow" and the "third day at evening" (1 Sam. 20:5). When Rehoboam became king, he instructed men to come back to him "after three days," but they came back to him "on the third day, as the king had directed" (2 Chron. 10:5-6). They understood that what happened on the third day was precisely what the king meant when he said "after three days." Consider the same kind of language used by Esther (Esther 4:16; 5:1). The Jews spoke of time differently from Americans!

Jesus was buried on the Preparation day, the day before the Sabbath (Luke 23:53-54). This day of preparation is mentioned in connection with Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus died on the day before the Sabbath (hence on the Preparation day) because the Jews did not want Him to remain that special sabbath (a great, high day that coincided with the Passover sabbath, John 19:31). He was buried before evening of

> the Sabbath. Then, on the day after the day of preparation, the priests came to Pilate and told the governor that Jesus had said He was to be raise "after three days." The tomb was guarded "until the third day" (Matt. 27:62, 64). The Jews, unlike Americans, saw all of these terms equally.

the third dayFollow the women from the tomb and be-
fore the Sabbath began. They quickly prepared burial
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ation,ade aspice and fragrant oils; rested on the Sabbath; and then early
on the next day, Sunday, they went to the tomb (Luke 23:55-
20:5).20:5).24:1). He was buried on Friday, they rested on Saturday, and
they went to the tomb on the third day. Remember that Jesus
m "on
referred to the day of His death as "today" to the thief and
earlier had sent a message to Herod about "today, tomorrow
and the third day He would be perfected" (Luke 13:32). There
is NO problem in the Jewish language; it is only in our lan-
guage. He was raised on the third day (Luke 24:21)!



It's All a Matter of Authority (Part 3)

In the realm of religion, it is essential to understand that Jesus Christ (and Jesus Christ alone!) has ALL authority (Matt. 28:18; Acts 3:22-23). His authority (all of it!) resides in His Word, and on the day of judgment, His Word will be the standard by which all persons will be judged (John 12:48-

50; Rev. 20:12). Some may readily agree that Christ has all authority, but can we be sure that His authority resides in the Bible today? Let's consider this. When

First, here's what we know about the teachings of Christ after He left this earth. Before He died, Jesus told the Father, "I have given to [the apostles] the words which You have given Me...I have given them Your word" (John 17:8, 14). Those words that He gave them would possess His authority, but

would these men be able to remember everything that Jesus taught them? Certainly not. No one would have that ability.

So, the night before Jesus died, He spoke with His apostles and shared with them His plan. "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you" (John 14:25). But how would they remember everything? "The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you...He will testify of Me" (14:26; 15:26). In fact, in addition to what He had already taught them, Jesus told His apostles that He had "many things to say to" them, but they were not able to "bear them now" (16:12). So, how would Jesus get this new information to them? It would be in the same manner in which they would be reminded of what He had already taught them. "When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will

speak; and He will tell you things to come" (16:13).

Slow down for minute. Put this together. Jesus was getting ready to die, and shortly after that He would be leaving the earth. Jesus entrusted these men with the task of "teaching [mankind] to observe all things" that He had "commanded" (Matt. 28:20). In order to (1) remember everything He already taught them and (2) know other truths they needed

to teach, the Holy Spirit was going to come and "guide" them and give them the very words to speak (Mark 13:11). When the Holy Spirit was finished guiding these inspired men, they would have "all truth" (John 16:13)—not some or most it! They would have delivered and man would possess "all truth"!

Christ has all authority. His all authority is in His Word. He gave His all-authoritative Word to His apostles through the Holy Spirit to teach unto mankind. Is that same, all-authoritative Word in the Bible today? Read next week.

When the Holy Spirit was finished, they would have "all truth"



A Tree That Failed

Not long before Jesus went to the cross, He destroyed a fig tree (Mark 11:12-14, 20-26). In the midst of journeying toward Jerusalem where the most significant moment in history would take place, this encounter might seem to hold little significance. Yet, on His way, Jesus did condemn a

By Josh Blackmer

tree. "Seeing at a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if perhaps He would find anything on it; and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. He said to it, 'May no one ever eat fruit from you again!' And His disciples were listening" (Mark 11:13-14). Later, Jesus and His followers returned, and the tree was "withered from the roots up" (Mark 11:20).

At this point, Jesus used the dead tree as a lesson about prayers of faith. This was an opportunity for insight concerning the dimensions and the power of prayer. But before that when He first confronted the tree, the issue at hand was something else. The issue at hand was a tree failing as a tree. For Jesus, this was not a simple outburst of frustration. Fueled by anger, Jesus would soon enter the temple and carry out some extreme renovation in order to make a point (Mark 11:15). His displeasure toward the tree also had a purpose. When He first approached the fig tree, He was not pleased when He discovered it was missing a key element, figs. Apparently, leaves alone do not a tree make, but Jesus' disapproval certainly had a deeper level. This was not an agricultural issue. As always, Jesus' focus was on souls. So, it is no great leap to suggest that the tree was being compared to a person. God often established this parallel. He used David to describe a righteous man as "a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither" (Psalm 1:3). This also brings to mind the drastic implica-

tions John presented to the unrepentant. "And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down'" (Luke 13:8-9). There were certain expectations concerning this tree.

If expectations were not met, there was a limit to the time allowed for it to do what trees are

supposed to do—produce fruit. Anyone who followed Christ would be expected to live a life that produced "fruit." This is what defines a tree: "you will know them by their fruits" (Matt. 7:16-18). The lesson here is that people are defined in the same way, and the ultimate fate of a person is determined by what is produced by his life. "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire" (Matt. 7:19). Another lesson is being ready in season and out of season. The tree was out of season (Mark 11:13). We need to be ready even out of season (1 Tim. 4:2; Titus 3:1; Luke 12:40).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

If you give him an inch...

You've heard the maxims before, like, "If you give him an inch, he'll take a mile." This is true of toddlers, salesmen and some business associates. But, even more so, it's true of the devil!

That is why God warned us to not "give place to the devil" (Eph. 4:27). While it is also translated, "opportunity," the

word means to not give the devil any "room" in your life. We give him room (contextually) when we don't control our lying (4:25), our anger (4:26), our impulses (4:28), our tongue (4:29), our bitterness (4:31), our unforgiving attitude (4:32), etc.

You see? In all these examples, if you give the devil an inch, he'll take a mile. Let him get just a little temper out of you, a little lie, a little lack of self-control, a little slip of the tongue, a little feeling resentment, and before you know it, he has drawn you out into the realm of sinful conduct more than you ever intended to go. Friends, be "sober and vigilant" (1 Pet. 5:8)! "Resist him steadfast in the faith" (5:9)! Don't give him an inch in your life! -DS

Justifying sin

It is so hard to watch people we love get wrapped up in sin! It breaks our hearts (sometimes it feels like it's literally breaking). Sometimes our conscience gets so bothered by it that we may even try to relieve our conscience by finding an acceptable explanation. We might say things like, "He's still a good person, just a little mixed up right now." "At least she's happy,

> that's what matters." "God knows their hearts, and I'll let Him sort things out. Who am I to judge?"

We may try to explain it away, but when our efforts to soften our own hurt have run their course, the reality remains that sin is still sin.

After talking about the progression of sin and its severe consequences, James says, "Do not be deceived" (Jas. 1:16). Paul says, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" (Gal. 6:7).

It hurts deeply when a loved one gets entangled in sin, but let us not make it worse (for them or for us or for others) by trying to make anything other than what it is—pure "lawlessness" (1 John 3:4). -DS



There are

expectations of

our fruitful

service.

Keep in Your Prayers

Pray for These PBL Members

Mary Coombs	dealing with health issues
Glen Dawson	under Hospice Care at home
Ophelia Holmes	undergoing medical tests
Dan Johnson	Gardens Medical Center, right leg amputated
Robin Landen	dealing with several health issues, severe blood disorder
Cheryl Milton	undergoing radiation treatments
Joel Ramirez	Gardens Medical Center, had two more surgeries
Maurine Reed	at Hamlin Place on Hypoluxo Road for rehab
Betty Sanders	Gardens Medical Center (room 256), undergoing tests
Yolando Stewart	surgery on Oct. 18
Jettie Sweetenburg	awaiting tests on the spot on her lung
Betty White	recovering from neck surgery and eye procedure

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments	
Judy Carmack	multiple health issue	
John Loftis	back pain, weakness	
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments	
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues	
Peggy Simpkins	chemo, rare cancer	
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments	

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

- Millie AmesJoanGlen & Josie DawsonInellDianne FryeDaniZula GarrettBettyTerri HahnJoyceMargie HardinLeighLoretta HoladayRicky
- Joan Holloway Inell Ingram Daniel Johnson Betty Matter Joyce Parker Leigh Puckett Ricky Smedley



Donald Coe	Linda Coe's father, dealing w/dementia and other issues
Frank Daniels	Melinda Price's father, diagnosed with prostate cancer
Lamatron Gadson	Freddie Gadson's sister, under Hospice Care
Mark Kelley	Dick & Marcia Kelley's son, upcoming hip replacement
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, now recovering at home
Beverly Michaelian	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, rehab on her broken femur
Yvonne Palmer	Teresa Williams' sister, undergoing medical tests
Bobby Tucker	Eva Fulton's brother, bleeding on his brain
Martin Williams	Marty Williams' father, under Hospice Care



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

Sunday, October 9

 His Kids Class at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Monday, October 10

• Monday Night Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Tuesday, October 11

• **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

Friday, October 14

• Family Group 4 Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Ally Alberga. Bring a potluck dish to share. This is for all PBL members and families who live south of Southern Blvd.

Saturday, October 15

• Mount Dora Children's Home Benefit Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Tickets to the dinner are FREE, but you must get a ticket before October 9. Contact Ivan Villard for tickets.

Sunday, October 16

- "Coming Home" Sunday. Please use the materials in the Lobby to write notes of encouragement to former PBL members.
- **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Tuesday, October 18

 Family Group 3 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage. This is for all PBL members and families who live between Blue Heron Blvd. and Southern Blvd.

Friday, October 21

 Ladies & Lattes at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Trish Clark. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a dessert.

Saturday, October 22

 Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids. Sign up at https://signup.com/go/hZmHRGq.

Young Adults

Friday, October 21

• Ladies & Lattes at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Trish Clark. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a dessert.

Saturday, October 22

• Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids. Sign up at https://signup.com/go/hZmHRGq.

Saturday, October 29

 Congregational Work Day to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:30 a.m. until noon. There is something for everyone to do!

Monday, November 7

 Men's Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 & up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.



Sunday, October 9

• **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Friday, October 21

- Ladies & Lattes at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Trish Clark. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a dessert.
- Area-Wide Youth Kickball at 7:00 p.m. at the Jupiter-Tequesta church building. Come and play kickball with the Jupiter-Tequesta and Stuart youth! Chick-Fil-A will be catered for dinner. Bring drinks. Please RSVP to Josh Blackmer.

Saturday, October 22

 Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids. There will be food, games and Trunk-or-Treating. Sign up to bring a food item at https://signup.com/go/hZmHRGq. Wear your costume!



7 Secrets to Solving Conflicts in Marriage



by Glenn Colley

1. Don't Pretend You or Your Spouse Can Read Minds!

- a. "For what man knows the things of a man save the spirit of man which is in him?" (1 Cor. 2:11).
- b. Don't say, "I know what you're thinking..." or, "If you don't know I'm not going to tell you."

2. Don't Go Digging Up Bones!

- a. There are times when it is valuable to bring up sins of the past.
- b. It is counterproductive in marriage to harp on mistakes/weaknesses in your spouse.
- c. 1 Corinthians 13:5 says that love "...Thinks no evil...."

3. Don't Lie to Enhance Your Assertions in an Argument!

- a. I'm talking about exaggeration. Why do we do this?
- b. Examples: "You ALWAYS treat other women nicer than you do me," or "You NEVER say nice things to me."

4. Don't Fail to Keep This Between Us!

- a. Arguing in front of the children is a mistake for two reasons:
 - 1) First, because you don't know what damage you may be bringing on the heart of your child. After all, parents are the Godlike anchors for children.
 - 2) Second, because your children are learning how married people should act by observing you.
- b. An angry word spoken in private is much easier to fix than one spoken where friends or strangers could hear.

5. Don't Manipulate with Sex!

- a. "Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control" (1 Cor. 7:3-5).
- b. "Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice with the wife of your youth. As a loving deer and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; And always be enraptured with her love" (Prov. 5:18-19).
- c. To withhold sex until you get your way is to defraud your spouse. Your body doesn't belong to you.

6. Don't Offer Cheap Apologies!

- a. Do you ever apologize to your spouse for something you shouldn't have said or done, and say, "I'm sorry I did that, but I only did it because...," and then offer mitigating circumstances?
- b. Best apology in the Bible:
 - 1) "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son'" (Luke 15:21).

7. Don't Lose Your Faith in an Attempt to Rehabilitate Your Spouse!

- a. Galatians 6:1
- b. 1 Peter 3:1-6

"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)

this week

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Sunday, October 9th

Monday, October 10th

Tuesday, October 11th

Eldra & Grace Judge (Ann.)

Lawrence Williams

Dirk Summerlot

Scott Studer



Thursday, October 13th

Friday, October 14th

Patricia Harrington

Saturday, October 15th

Fran Campbell

Amy Rosado

Stahia Banks



Sunday, October 2

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Anthony Chambers; Ms. Kendra Forbes; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Malou Hammock; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. Collin Kato; Mr. Ryan Lord; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Ms. Lonna Pate; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mrs. Susan Shelt; Ms. Cecilia Tipton; and Ms. Machelle Williams.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Shea & Jordan Brown, Medina, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Grant & Kathryn Fuller, Plantation, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Steven, Keelan, Elijah & Shelby Jackson, Columbia, TN; and Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL.



The Mount Dora Children's Home is hosting a Benefit Dinner in our Family Room on Saturday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets to the dinner are FREE, but you need to get a ticket by Sunday, October 9. Ivan Villard has the tickets, so contact him to get one.

Those to Serve

If you are <u>unable to serve</u>, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269. If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>9:50 a.m.</u> If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

Sunday Morning, October 9

Singing Contribution	Willie Smith Gary Friedly Stephen Beliech
Singing	
	Robert Mariano
Singing	
Sermon	
Singing	
Lord's Supper	
Singing	
Closing Prayer	Phil Porter
Serve at Table:	
Tim Cox	Orlando Lolo
Tim Fry	Steward Lynch
Namdidie Ikon	Tim Mahlbacher
Todd Juckett	Vincent Rogers
Richard Kelley	Tyler Williams
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Singing Opening Prayer Scripture Reading	Ricky Smith
Singing	
Lord's Supper	Novel Brown
Contribution	
Singing	
Sermon	
Singing	
Closing Prayer	Richard Lerro
Serve at Table: Trey Higbee	Nicholas Pietro

Wednesday Evening, October 12

Singing	Daniel Wagner
Invitation	Mike Ellis
Family Prayer	Phil Porter

Our Record			
Attendance	<u>Oct. 2</u>	Sep. Avg	
Sun. Bible Study	173	177	
Sun. AM Worship	275	264	
Sun. PM Worship	150	126	
Wed. Bible Study	151	140	
Contribution \$	18,986	\$16,831	
2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220			
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$50,588			

Service Coordinator: **Eugene Williams**

Ushers for this week: Victor Colage & Seth Watson Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard



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"All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 1:16-18; 3:17).