

Jesus

- Arrested by Jewish leadership; tried and convicted of blasphemy
- Transferred to Pilate and convicted of treason
- Handed over to execution squad
- Mocked as King of the Jews and as Son of God
- Crucified
- Died after 6hrs on cross (9am-3pm)

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Jesus

- Several unusual occurrences around His death that indicate its significance:
 - Darkness from 12-3pm – God's judgment on what is happening
 - Curtain of temple torn in two from top to bottom – God opening the way for people to approach Him
 - Earthquake and tombs are opened (on Fri) and some of the dead are raised to life (on Sun) – Death has been defeated

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- Body laid on slab in tomb and covered with spices
- Tomb sealed with stone to protect against scavengers and grave robbers
- Tomb opened after one year, bones placed in box and relocated in tomb



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Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph are eyewitnesses to -

- Jesus' death on the cross – 27.56 (contra swoon theory)
- Which tomb He was buried in – 27.61
- That the tomb was empty on Sun am – 28.6 (contra wrong tomb theory)
- That Jesus was bodily resurrected (grasped His feet) – 28.9 (contra spiritual resurrection/hallucination theory)

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- **1Pet 1.3** – we have been given a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead
- **Hope** – confident expectation of a better future
- Resurrection of Jesus confirms:
 - Enemies of our better future – Sin, Satan, Death – have been defeated
 - Our better future is already being formed; God is making all things new

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When hope is shaken we move to:

- **Despair** – profound sense of hopelessness; give up on a better future
- **Fear** – often expressed as anger/outrage; we work to secure a better future on our own

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Suffering (tribulation, squeezing)
produces:

- **Perseverance** – capacity to bear up well under difficult circumstances

Perseverance produces:

- **Character** – that which is approved through testing

Character produces:

- **Hope** – confident expectation of a better future

Hope does not disappoint (put us to shame) because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit

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Remember – recall the past with a conviction to allow the past to inform our present

- **The Cross** – demonstrates God's love for us; we have hope (are confident of a better future) because we are convinced that God loves us
- **The Resurrection** – confirms the work of the Cross was effective; we have hope (are confident of a better future) because we know our primary enemies have been defeated and God is making all things new

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