

THE Great REVERSAL

Walking in the Word service
Sat, 7.30pm
Sun, 8.30am



THE GREAT REVERSAL Part 1

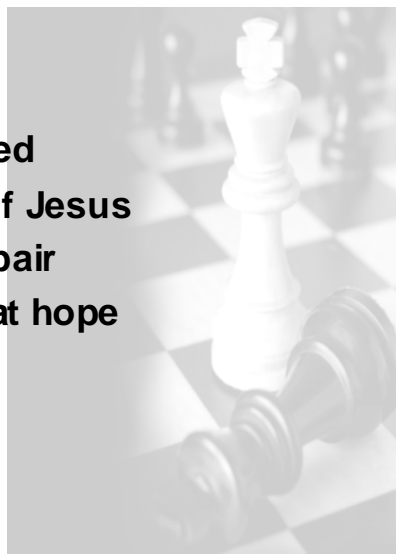
- Mt 27:32 - 28:1-14
- Mk 15:21 - 16:1-7
- Lk 23:26 - 24:13-35
- Jn 2:19; 19:17 - 20:1-18
- Phil 3:10



I. What Happened on Easter Week?

A. Good Friday

- **Murderous violence**
- **Disciples shell-shocked**
- **The end of the story of Jesus**
- **A day of numbed despair**
- **If God is defeated what hope is there?**



I. What Happened on Easter Week?

B. Holy Saturday

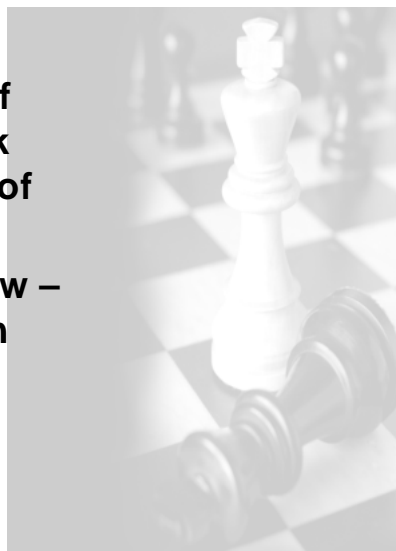
- **Frightening God-forsakenness – total desolation.**
- **Hope lost forever & buried**



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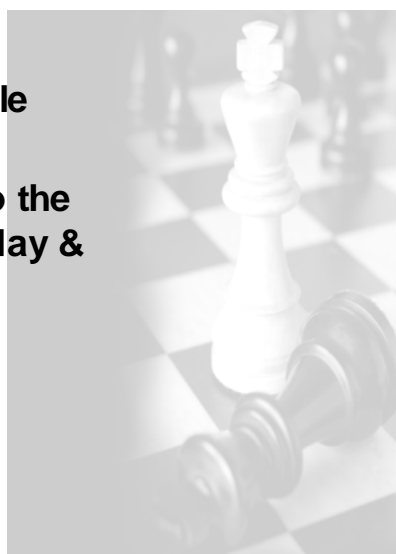
- **Sealed tomb & squad of Roman soldiers: a stark reminder of the finality of Jesus' death**
- **No remarkable tomorrow – only an empty void – an anticlimax**



I. What Happened on Easter Week?

C. Easter Sunday

- **Something unimaginable happened**
- **A miracle exploded into the desolation of Good Friday & Holy Saturday**



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- Easter was an event of seismic proportions – a God-size event!

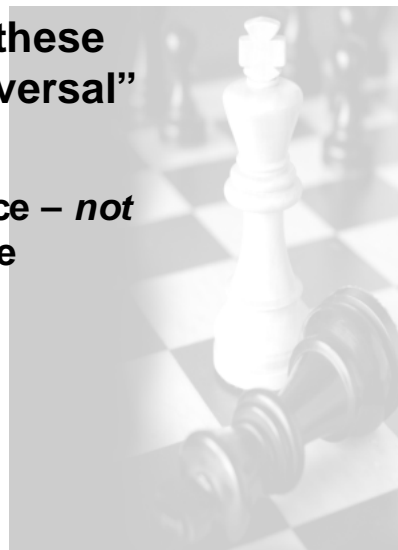


II. What did these Events Accomplish?

The accomplishment of these events: “The Great Reversal”

A. Good Friday

- It’s a reversal of violence – *not divine retaliation but the outpouring of divine compassion & mercy*



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- God did not respond to violent human power with *weakness*

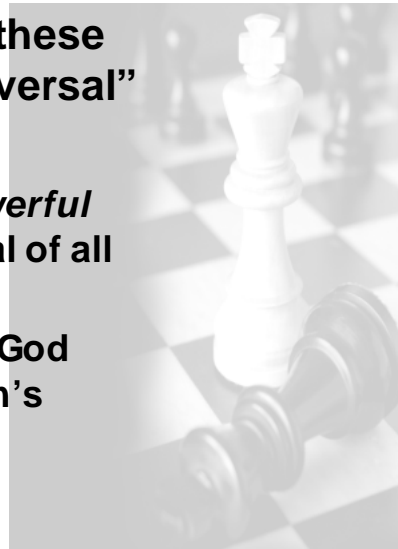


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The accomplishment of these events: “The Great Reversal”

A. Good Friday

- The cross is God’s *powerful weakness* – the reversal of all arrogant powers
- But by non-retaliation, God out-maneuvered human’s arrogant attempts



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The accomplishment of these events: “The Great Reversal”

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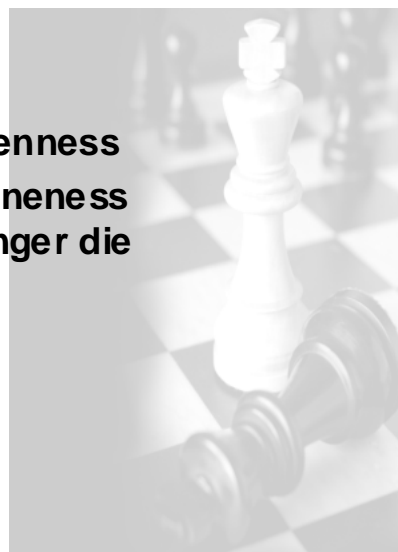
- In the cross, violence is denied its finality
- The cross is the *instrument* and *point of victory*



II. What did these Events Accomplish?

B. Holy Saturday

- It was a reversal of the frightening God-forsakenness
- Because of Christ’s aloneness in the grave – we no longer die alone



II. What did these Events Accomplish?

B. Holy Saturday

- Holy Saturday declares the unbelievable – God the Creator has become our substitute**



II. What did these Events Accomplish?

B. Holy Saturday

- It is a reversal of alienation and curse**
- Not barren void but pregnant emptiness**



II. What did these Events Accomplish?

C. Easter Sunday

- **Easter Sunday is the astounding reversal of death**
- **Crucified power is the reversal of the power of destruction**
- **The tomb of death becomes the womb of life**



II. What did these Events Accomplish?

C. Easter Sunday

- **First disciples: their despair and desolation was dramatically reversed and transformed into bold declaration and doxology**



II. What did these Events Accomplish?

C. Easter Sunday

- All that separates and injures and destroys has been overcome and reversed by what unites and heals and creates



II. What did these Events Accomplish?

D. Conclusion:

- In the Cross and the Empty Tomb we see power in its finest hour
- Resurrection proves that nothing can overcome God's love and power



II. What did these Events Accomplish?

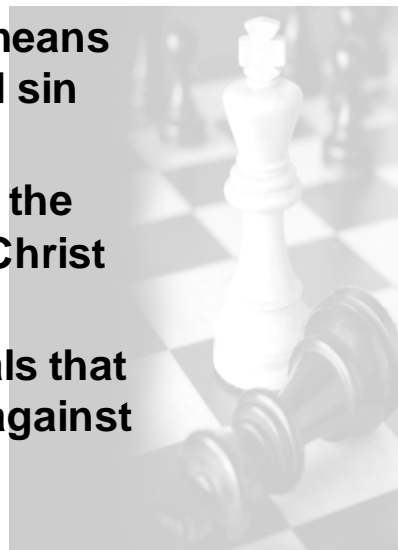
D. Conclusion:

- This is the power and the heart of the Easter message: Christ is risen**



II. What did these Events Accomplish?

- Christ's resurrection means that death and evil and sin are not the last word**
- The last word lies with the God who meets us in Christ at the open tomb**
- The resurrection reveals that God is *for us* and not against us**



II. What did these Events Accomplish?

- **Let us go like the first disciples and tell that Jesus is raised from the dead, He goes before us and we will see Him**

