



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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John 19:16-42 (NIV)

The Crucifixion of Jesus

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus.

¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).

¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.

²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."

²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

²⁴ "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it."

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,

"They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment."

So this is what the soldiers did.

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son,"

²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

The Death of Jesus

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹ Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.

³² The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other.

³³ But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

³⁵ The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.

³⁶ These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken,"

³⁷ and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

The Burial of Jesus

³⁸ Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away.

³⁹ He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.

⁴⁰ Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

⁴¹ At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid.

⁴² Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Experience is the hardest kind of teacher. It gives you the test first and the lesson afterward. ~ Oscar Wilde

Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.
Desmond Tutu



"HOPE is putting FAITH to work when doubting would be easier."



Thomas S. Monson

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- Peter Scorgie is now home from hospital, but still experiencing pain and mobility problems. We pray for healing for Peter.
- Jim Newton is recovering from surgery. We pray for his continued recovery.
- We pray for all those in nursing homes - in particular Viv Chaffey, Margaret Pryor and George Lunnay.
- We pray for safe travel for everyone on the roads this Easter weekend.
- Audrey went to Sydney last week. The doctors have decided to postpone her heart surgery for a little while longer. We pray that she will stay well.



Meg's Musings

I led the worship service at Alblas this week, and took along a bunch of flowers to brighten up the "church". My garden just had little bits from lots of plants. After our hot, dry spell nothing was flourishing. When I put the flowers together they looked colourful, attractive and quite varied. They seemed to reflect something of the variety of moods contained within Easter. It goes from the high spirits of Palm Sunday, through Jesus' anger at the merchants in the temple, on to the foot-washing and the solemn ritual of what has become The Last Supper. Then we have the depth of Jesus anguish in the garden, his questioning before the Sanhedrin, his agonising crucifixion, and the wonderful, radical resurrection. What a startling collection of events and emotions! Yet they all come together into the faith story known as Christianity. We have a truly remarkable and awesome Saviour - Jesus.

Blessings from Meg



Luke 24:1-12 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Has Risen

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.

⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:

⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'

⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.

¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.

¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

ADVANCE NOTICE - Will Pearson will be holding a "conversation" with members of Peel Valley at 10:00am on Wednesday, 6th April at West Tamworth Church. Everyone is invited to attend. Please bring a small plate for morning tea.

CHURCH SERVICES

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| 1 April | 6pm | Hallsville | ~ Suzanne Holloway |
| 3 April | 8.30 am | Gowrie | ~ Suzanne Holloway |
| 3 April | 11am | West | ~ Suzanne Holloway |

"If we always helped one another, no one would need luck." ~ Sophocles

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

29 March ~ Bruce Jarrett

PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

Pastoral Care: **Meg Mangan 0466 337 005**

Elders: Margaret Crowell Barbara Murray Doss Wark
 Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

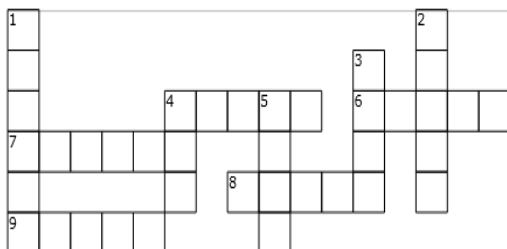
~ Markets @ Hallsville

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The Case of the Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

John 20:1 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 4. A piece of fabric made by weaving cotton, wool, or other fibers
- 6. Not dead
- 7. The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection
- 8. To have nothing inside
- 9. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb

DOWN

- 1. Messengers from heaven
- 2. The color of snow; the opposite of black
- 3. The woman who found the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb
- 4. To produce tears; to weep
- 5. A grave or a room where someone is buried

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