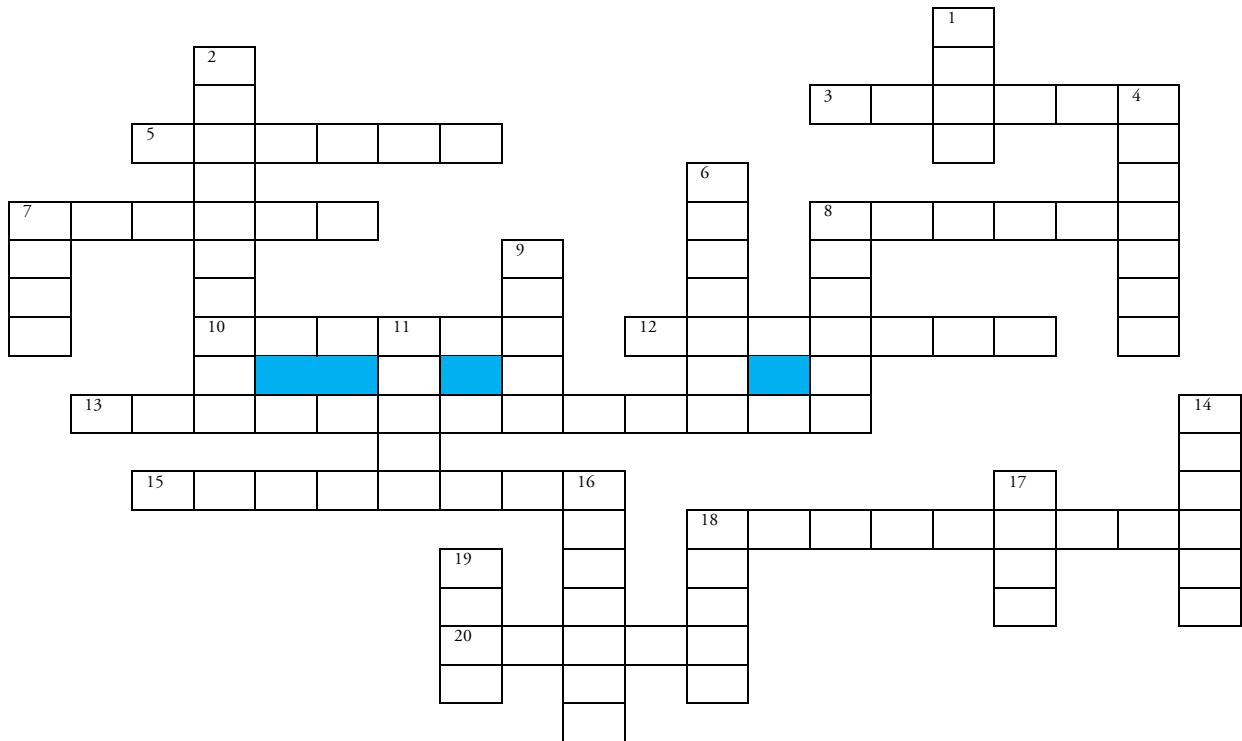


The Resurrection of Jesus



Read the last chapters of all four gospels

Usually, Biblical references are not given to the individual clues in these puzzles because we do not want to encourage students to study verses out of context. An exception has been made in the case of this particular puzzle as the material is drawn from all four gospels.

Clues

(Numbers in brackets indicate the number of letters in the answer.)

Across

3. The women felt like this after they left the tomb. Mark 16.8 (6)
5. On a road to this village two people had the risen Jesus for company. Luke 24.13 (6)
7. One of the women at the tomb. Luke 24.10 (6)
8. The first day of the week (6)

10. After Jesus ascended into heaven, the believers were often in this place. Luke 24.53 (6)
12. One of the people on the Emmaus road. Luke 24.18 (7)
13. She spoke with the risen Jesus. John 20.18 (4, 9)
15. Mary Magdalene mistook Jesus for this. John 20.15 (8)
18. 10 across was in this city (9)
20. This was no longer at the tomb. John 20.1 (5)

Down

1. The name of another woman at the tomb. Matthew 28.1 (4)
2. He swam to the shore to see Jesus. John 21.7 (5, 5)
4. A name for Thomas. John 20.24 (7)
6. Jesus appeared in this region. Mark 16.7 (7)
7. Possibly the name of 'the disciple Jesus loved'. John 21.20-24 (4)
8. One of the women at the tomb. Mark 16.1 (6)
9. Jesus was recognised when he broke this. Luke 24.30 (5)
11. Jesus greeted his followers with this word. John 20.26 (5)
14. He doubted at first what the others had seen. John 20.24 (6)
16. The Hebrew word which Mary Magdalene called the risen Jesus. John 20.16 (7)
17. The time of day at which the women went to the tomb. Luke 24.1 (4) °
18. A relative of 1 down. Luke 24.10 (5)
19. The risen Jesus ate this. Luke 24.42 and 43 (4)

Answers

Across

3. Afraid
5. Emmaus
7. Joanna
8. Sunday*
10. Temple
12. Cleopas
13. Mary Magdalene
15. Gardener
18. Jerusalem
20. Stone

Down

1. Mary
2. Simon Peter
4. Didymus
6. Galilee
7. John
8. Salome
9. Bread
11. Peace
14. Thomas
16. Rabboni
17. Dawn
18. James

19. Fish

* Students often get confused about the numbering of the days of the week.

The Jews have always kept the seventh day (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset) as their Sabbath (resting-day) because of the tradition that at Creation God rested on the seventh day.

Christianity grew out of Judaism and early Christians kept the Jewish sabbath (see Acts 17.2). They also had special Christian meetings which were held on the first day of the week (Sunday) because Jesus had risen on that day (see Acts 20.7).

It became impossible to keep both days so gradually Christians opted to keep Sunday and treated it with the same respect which was given to the Sabbath. At one time, during the persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire, the keeping of Sunday was the only means by which puzzled Roman officials could identify Christians as different from Jews.

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