

The Resurrection Story

• WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

We are honored that you have joined us for this special event, The Risen Experience.

Our goal is to point you to Jesus. To help you better understand the events of His life and death, so that you will realize the incredible significance of His resurrection. Indeed, Jesus is dead no longer. His tomb is empty!

Beyond simply telling the story, we want you to be drawn into these events. More than a spectator, today you become a participant. Look beyond the superficial. Allow your imagination to complete these scenes. Allow your heart to be moved: with anticipation, disappointment, even anger, but ultimately joy! Joy that goes beyond the relief of a "happy ending" and changes your life for all eternity.

PROCESSION INTO JERUSALEM – Matthew 21: 6-11

Jerusalem was stirred as Jesus entered the city. "Who is this?" they asked. The crowds replied, "It's Jesus, the Prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

3 CHRIST'S LAST SUPPER – Mark 14:17-25, Mark 14:29-31, *John* 13:3-9

As Jesus and the disciples sat around a table, He pointed out that one would betray Him. Distressed, each asked, "I'm not the one, am I?"

4 IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE – Luke 22: 39-51

At Gethsemane, Jesus told the disciples to pray so that they would not be overcome by temptation, then He walked away and prayed, "Father, if You are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from Me. Yet I want Your will, not Mine."

A mob approached, led by Judas, one of His twelve disciples. Judas came up to Jesus and greeted Him with a kiss. Jesus said, "Judas, how can you betray Me, the Son of Man, with a kiss?"

S PILATE'S JUDGEMENT – Matthew 27:11-32

After being found guilty by the Sanhedrin, Jesus stood before Pilate, the Roman Governor, who asked, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "Yes, it is as you say."

Pilate asked the crowd, "What crime did He commit?" The crowd just roared louder, "Crucify Him!"

6 CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION & DEATH – Luke 23:32-43, Luke 23:50-56, John 19:25-30

Two criminals were led out with Jesus to a place where all three were crucified—He on the center cross, the criminals on either side.

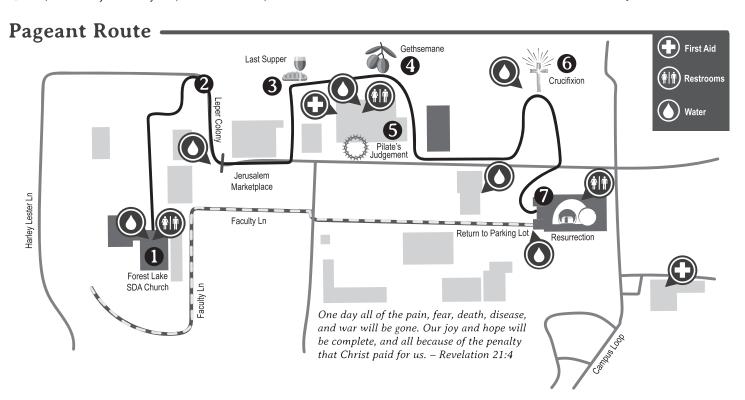
Jesus said, "Father, forgive these people, because they don't know what they are doing."

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST – *Matthew 27:62-66, Matthew 28:2-4, Luke 24:1-10, Luke 24:46-53*

The priests remembered that Jesus had said He would be raised from the dead after three days. They had asked Pilate to seal the tomb until the third day to prevent Jesus' disciples from stealing His body and saying He came back to life. Pilate sent guards to seal and protect the tomb.

Early on Sunday morning there was suddenly a great earthquake because an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled aside the stone.

Forces of evil are personified in several Risen Experience scenes, helping the viewer better understand the cosmic nature of this conflict as described in Scripture. Also, the final scene compresses events that actually spanned 40 days. We encourage you to study the Bible and discover for yourself the life-changing significance of Christ's time here on earth. If you would like to talk or pray with someone about taking a step forward in your relationship with Jesus, one of the people in the white Risen shirts at the "ask me" tent outside would love to connect with you.



Seventh-day Adventists Believe

As Seventh-day Adventists (SDA), we believe God's love for us was demonstrated through giving us His only Son, Jesus. He died that we might receive forgiveness from sin, release from guilt, and eternal life through faith in Him, not through our own behavior. Recognizing this amazing love and compelled by Christ's commission to share it with the world, we seek to tell others about this Good News, including the imminence of Jesus' literal return to this earth.

The Holy Spirit equips us for a ministry of service to those around us. Holding the Bible as the only authority for truth and practice, and believing that the Ten Commandments have validity for our lives today, we observe them out of our love for God. Celebrating our creation, redemption, and sanctification, we worship God on His special day, the Biblical Sabbath, or Saturday. We welcome your interest, your questions, and an opportunity for further dialogue.

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