

and nights.

Let's read verses that talk about the three days and three nights.

### Comment in early ministry

Notice how the Son of God used that phrase early in His ministry.

■ John 2:18-19—When the Jews asked for a sign, the Son of God responded: “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

■ John 2:20—The Jews responded: “It has taken 46 years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?”

■ John 2:21—But the Son of God was talking about His body being the temple.

■ John 2:22—When the disciples remembered this comment later on, they understood what the Son of God meant.

### Taunted later

Years later, some people threw those words back into the face of the Son of God.

■ See Matthew 26:60-61 and Mark 14:57-58.

■ See Matthew 27:39-40 and Mark 15:29-30.

### Sign of Jonah

■ Matthew 12:39—The Son of God acknowledged the sign of Jonah.

■ Matthew 12:40—As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, the Son of God was to be three days and three nights in the “heart” of the earth.

### Warned His disciples

Toward the end of His ministry, the Son of God foretold His disciples about four upcoming events—He would go to Jerusalem, He would suffer, He would die, and He would be raised on the third day.

■ Matthew 16:21—“Be raised the third day”

■ Matthew 17:23—“The third day He will be raised up.”

■ Matthew 20:18-19—“The third day He will rise again.”

■ Mark 8:31—“After three days rise again.”

■ Mark 9:31—“He will rise the third day.”

■ Mark 10:33-34—“And the third day He will rise again.”

■ Luke 9:22—“Be raised the third day.”

■ Luke 18:32-33—“And the third day He will rise again.”

### Guarding the tomb

Pilate took the threat of the Son of God rising after three days so seriously that He guarded the tomb.

■ Matthew 27:62-63—The chief priests and Pharisees warned Pilate about what the Son of God said when He was alive: “After three days, I will rise.”

■ Matthew 27:64—The chief priests and Pharisees suggested that Pilate make the tomb secure until the third day—so that the disciples wouldn't steal the body.

■ Matthew 27:65-66—Pilate ordered that the tomb be secure.

### Two preparation days?

Understanding the preparation day (before an annual Sabbath and a weekly Sabbath) is critical to understanding the historic scenario about the resurrection.

■ John 19:31—Many Bible students identify this preparation day as a preparation day before an annual Sabbath—(“for that Sabbath was a high day”).

■ Luke 23:54—Many Bible students identify this preparation day as the same one mentioned in John 19:31—a preparation day before an annual Sabbath.

■ Luke 23:56—Those same Bible students identify this Sabbath (which is mentioned a few verses later) as a weekly Sabbath, shortly after the annual Sabbath.

### Comments after the empty tomb

Here are three comments made after the disciples found the empty tomb.

■ Luke 24:6-7—“Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’”

■ Luke 24:21—Two men traveling toward Emmaus said: “Besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.”

■ Luke 24:46—The Son of God reminded the disciples: “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day.”

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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April 27, 2024 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:57

### Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. . . . . Daniel Hammons

Presentation study—2:00 . . . . . Daniel Hammons  
(Also transmitted live)

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader . . . . . Neil McIver

Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading . . . . . John 6:47-51

Sermon . . . . . Neil McIver

### Quick takes

- Pastor's travel—On Friday, Dave Havir traveled to Fentress (east of San Antonio) to participate in a campout. He was scheduled to give a presentation last night and a presentation this morning. (This is the fourth time that he has spoken at this campout—the other three times being the Spring Feast in 2017, during the winter break in 2020 and the Spring Feast in 2023.) He is scheduled to travel home tomorrow, because he wants to be at the home congregation on the feast day.
- Monday, April 29 (seventh day of Unleavened Bread)
  - 1:00—Interactive study, Dave Havir
  - 2:00—Presentation study, Dave Havir
  - 3:00—Church service, sermon by Wynn Skelton
- Wednesday, May 1—Bible study at 7:00 p.m.
- Edifying the Body—This week's article is “Campus Leaders Must Show Courage” by Robert Kraft.
- Among Friends—This week's article is “The Power of the Resurrection—Part 1” by Dave Havir.

6. Eye on the World—201 headlines and five articles
7. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.

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| ■ Mickey Ashcraft | ■ Ruth Roe        |
| ■ Judy Biggs      | ■ Ronnie Shirley  |
| ■ Angela Dunnam   | ■ Elaine Townsend |
| ■ Timberly Dunnam | ■ Mickey Voyce    |
| ■ Annette Payne   | ■ Donna Weese     |

### Prayer updates

In the Feb. 17 bulletin, we mentioned how **Mark Searer** had been dealing with kidney stones (and tumors in his bladder with a diagnosis of cancer in his bladder.) We have learned that he has been dealing with quite a bit of pain—probably from the stones in his left kidney. On May 3, he is scheduled to visit the doctor. At that time, the plan is to remove the stones from the left kidney and to see if the cancer is out of the bladder. He and **Nina** appreciate your prayers.

**Timberly Dunnam** has good days and other days when she doesn't feel that well.

Please pray that **Shirley West** finds renewed energy.

In the April 6 bulletin, we mentioned that **Mary Bailey** (88-year-old mother of **Mike Bailey**) was moved to a skilled-nursing facility. Here are excerpts from a report that Mr. Bailey sent on Tuesday: "We wanted to thank all of those prayer warriors who prayed for my mom. She has made a remarkable recovery from a fractured sacrum. She will be moving into an independent-living facility tomorrow in Azle."

### New prayer requests

Even though **Bea Gusner** has been able to attend regularly, she could sure use a boost of energy to deal with her fatigue.

It was good to see **Jon** and **Toni Coffee** at the commemoration of the suffering and death of our Lord. Please pray for him to regain his strength and stamina.

**Christina Maldonado** misses coming to our church service, but she has been dealing with two factors—understandable exhaustion from participating in her midwifery apprenticeship and also dealing with the effects from an infection. She did report: "I figured out how to watch the church service by sending it from my tablet to the television."

**Elaine Townsend** fell earlier this week and "broke" her left shoulder. Since the doctor said that it was a "clean" break, she will apparently not need surgery. On Thursday, Mrs. Townsend went to rehab in Longview.

Following are excerpts from **Hope Lindholm** (of Minnesota) about her nephew, who has been diagnosed with stomach cancer: "**Michael Bregel** is my 36-year-old nephew—a father, a husband and sole provider for his family. He was diagnosed in January with stomach cancer stage 4. He started having digestive troubles in the fall but didn't go in to get checked. His mother died of cancer. My husband, **Tim**, who was his uncle, died of cancer. And his wife's father died of cancer last November. I trust God's timing, and I am asking for miraculous healing for him. Thank you."

### Reaction to grace

After the Memorial of the Suffering and Death of Christ (as we observe the Days of Unleavened Bread), we focus upon our Father's expectations of us.

- Ephesians 2:10—since saved, good works
- Titus 3:8—since justified, good works
- Exodus 20:1-17—since delivered, Ten Commandments
- Matthew 19:17-19—keep the Commandments
- Matthew 19:20-21—give to the poor
- Matthew 22:36-40—two great Commandments
- Romans 6:1-2—since saved by grace, should we sin?
- Romans 6:3—baptized into Christ's death
- Romans 6:4-5—likeness of His death and of His resurrection
- Romans 12:1—become a living sacrifice
- Romans 12:2—transformed by the renewing of the mind
- Romans 12:9-21—many positive characteristics
- 1 Corinthians 10:5-11—five sins in the wilderness
- Galatians 5:19-21—avoid works of the flesh
- Galatians 5:22-23—reflect fruit of the Spirit
- Colossians 3:1-2—seek those things that are above
- James 1:26—bridle the tongue
- James 1:27—visit the fatherless and widow
- Matthew 5:14-16—good works to glorify the Father
- 1 Peter 2:11-12—good works to glorify God

### "The Power of His Resurrection—Part 1"

This article is from the "Among Friends" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's website, churchofgodbig sandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of April 27, 2023.

By Dave Havir

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a series about the resurrection of the Son of God. (Because the decision to conduct this series came about rather quickly, my syllabus is not complete and I don't know at this time how long the series may last.)

The study discussed aspects about the timing of the resurrection of the Son of God.

Three days and three nights

The phrase "three days and three nights" is a foundational idea in establishing the time difference between the death of the Son of God and His resurrection.

■ For the record, much of the religious world interprets the description of three days and three nights as partial increments.

■ However, most people among the Church of God view that phrase as complete days