



Happy Easter

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1 Corinthians 15:1-8

GOSPEL

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For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me.

1. They have accepted the gospel historically.

(v.3-4) “Died ... buried ... raised on the third day”

(v.5-8) “appeared to [Peter] ... the Twelve ... more than 500 at once ... James ... all the apostles ... also to me”

2. They have accepted the gospel personally.

(v.1-2) “the good news ... in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message”

Accepting the gospel means:

- 1. A declaration of historical belief in the gospel event.**
- 2. A declaration of personal commitment to a gospel life.**

Most religions start by saying:

“Do these things for God and then He will accept you.”

Christianity starts by saying:

“God has done these for you. Will you accept them?”

1. How do we get to a place of historic belief in the gospel?

Honestly evaluate the evidence.

Christians went to great lengths to present a respectable and reliable accounting of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection by the standards of their time.

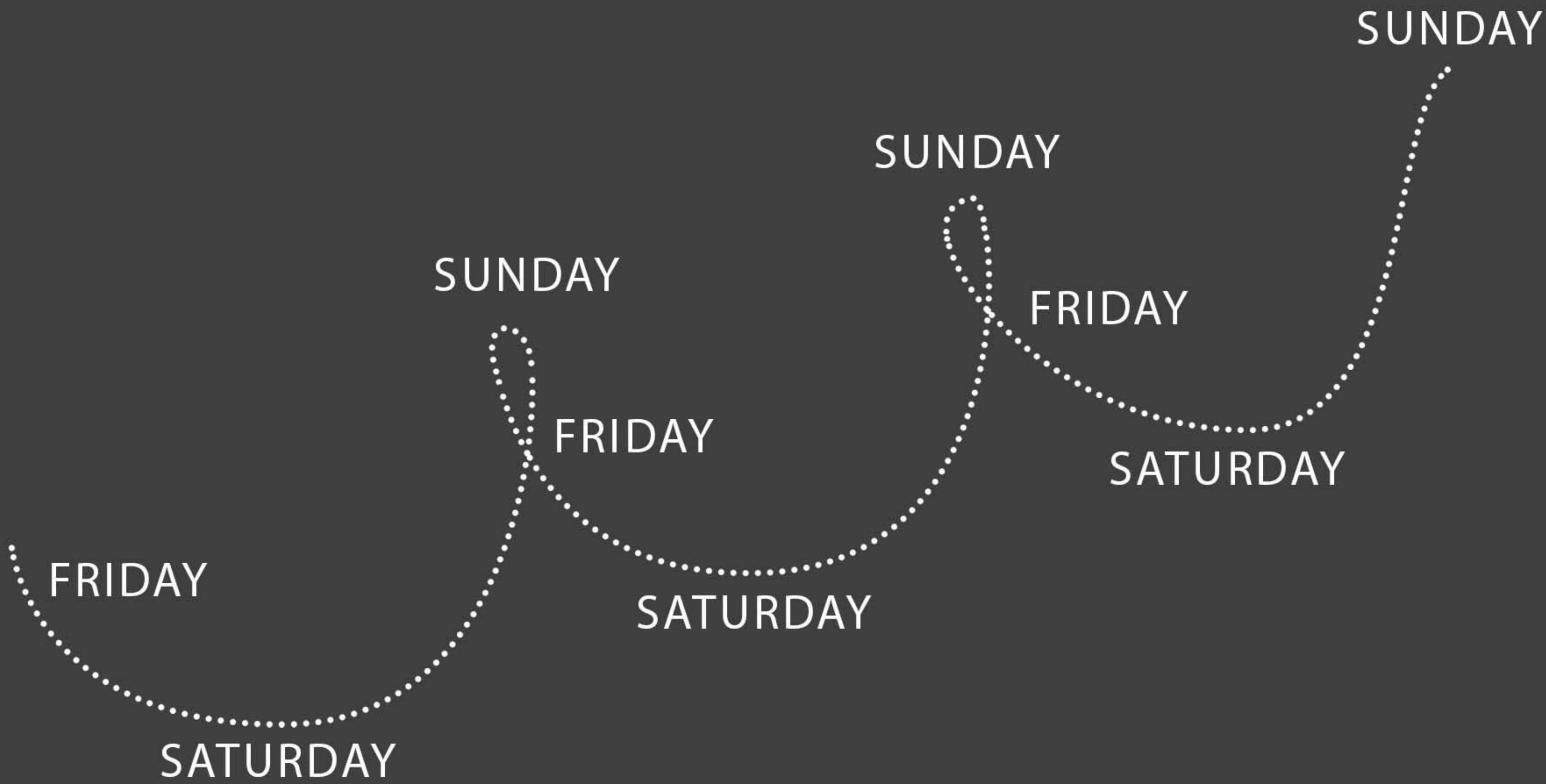
- **in Judea** (Mt 28:9; Lk 24:31, 36) **and in Galilee** (Mt 28:16–20; Jn 21:1–23)
- **in town** (Lk 24:36) **and countryside** (Lk 24:15)
- **indoors** (Lk 24:36) **and outdoors** (Mt 28:9, 16; Lk 24:15; Jn 21:1–23)
- **in the morning** (Jn 21:1–23) **and the evening** (Lk 24:29, 36; Jn 20:19)
- **by prior appointment** (Mt 28:16) **and without prior appointment** (Mt 28:9; Lk 24:15, 34, 36; Jn 21:1–23)

- **close** (Mt 28:9, 19; Lk 24:15,36; Jn 21:9–23) **and distant** (Jn 21:4–8)
- **on a hill** (Mt 28:16) **and by a lake** (Jn 21:4)
- **sitting** (Jn 21:15 implied), **standing** (Jn 21:4), **walking** (Lk 24:15; Jn 21:20–22), **eating** (Lk 24:43; Jn 21:15), **and always talking** (Mt 28:9–10, 18–20; Lk 24:17–30, 36–49; Jn 20:15–17, 19–29; 21:6–22)
- **to individuals** (Lk 24:34; 1 Cor 15:5,7–8) **and groups of up to five hundred** (1 Cor 15:6)
- **to groups of men** (Jn 21:2; 1 Cor 15:5,7) **and groups of women** (Mt 28:9)

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2. Why should I personally commit to the gospel?

You're going to need it.



It happened then.

It can happen again.