

The Good News According to Peter

¹But no one among the Yahuwdean *authorities* washed their hands, neither Herod nor one of his judges. So, as they did not plan to wash *themselves*, Pilate got up. ²And then King Herod commanded the Sovereign Master to be taken away, having said to them that, "You must accomplish all that I have commanded for you to do to Him." ³Now was stood upright there Yahuwseph, the friend of Pilate and of the Sovereign Master, and after realising that they were about to crucify Him, he came towards Pilate and requested for the body of the Sovereign Master in order to bury *Him*. ⁴And so Pilate, having sent *a message* towards Herod, requested for His body. ⁵Then Herod affirmed, "Brother Pilate, even if a single person had not requested Him, we would have entombed Him, since indeed Shabbat is dawning. For it has been written in the Torah, 'the sun is not to set upon what has been put to death'."

And he handed Him over to the people before *the first day* of their feast of Unleavened Bread. ⁶However, those receiving the Sovereign Master were pushing Him quickly and were saying, "Let us drag the Son of God, having authority over Him!" ⁷And they clothed Him in purple, and sat Him down upon a judgement seat, saying, "Judge uprightly, O King of Yisra'el!" ⁸And someone among them, after bringing forth a crown of thorns, placed it upon the head of the Sovereign Master, ⁹Yand others stood upright, spiting in His sight, and different ones hit His cheeks; others pricked Him with reed staffs, and some scourged Him, saying, "This is the price we have valued the Son of God!"

¹⁰Then they brought fourth two criminals, and they crucified the Sovereign Master between them. However He was quiet, as if He had no such affliction. ¹¹Then when they had lifted up the upright pole, they inscribed that "This is the King of Yisra'el." ¹² So after setting His clothes in front of Him, they dispersed *them*, and cast lots over them. ¹³ Yet, a certain one of the criminals there reproached them, saying, "Because of the wretched things which we have accomplished we have suffered this, but This One who came into existence as a saviour of mankind, what injustice has He done to all of you?" ¹⁴ And being aroused to anger because of him, they command it so that his legs wouldn't be broken, for the purpose that he may suffer death in agony.

¹⁵Now it was midday, and darkness engulfed all of Yahuwdea. So they were thrown into a commotion and distress, lest the sun had set whilst He was still alive, for it had been written for them, '*the* sun is not to set upon what has been put to death'. ¹⁶And someone among them said, "Cause Him to drink gall with vinegar!" And having made a mixture *of the two*, they gave it *to Him* to drink. ¹⁷So they fulfilled everything and completed their misses of the mark against their own heads. ¹⁸Moreover, many were wandering around with lamps, supposing that it was night, and they fell over. ¹⁹And the Sovereign Master screamed out, saying, "My power, O power, you have abandoned Me!" And having spoken, it was taken up. ²⁰Then at that hour the curtain of the Temple of Yarushalaim was torn into two *pieces*, ²¹and then they took out the nails from the hands of the Sovereign Master, and set Him down upon the land; and all the land was caused to shake, and a great fear occurred. ²²Then the sun shone brightly, and it was discovered that it was the ninth hour.

²³Accordingly, the Yahuwdean *authorities* were glad, and they granted Yahuwseph His body so that he may bury it, seeing as though he was the one who had watched all the good things He had accomplished. ²⁴Therefore after receiving the Sovereign Master, he washed and tied *Him* in linen cloths, and he carried *Him* into his own tomb called "*the* Garden of Yahuwseph".

²⁵Then after understanding exactly what wretchedness they had accomplished for themselves, the Yahuwdean *authorities*, and the elders, and the priests began to lament and to say, "How horrible are our misses of the mark! The judgement has drawn near, as well as the end of Yarushalaim!"

²⁶Nevertheless, I [*Peter*] was grieved with my companions, and being damaged according to our minds, we hid, because we were being sought after by their power like criminals, and as if we wanted to set fire to the Temple. ²⁷Consequently, because of all these things, we fasted and sat down, grieving and weeping night and day until the Shabbat.

²⁸However, after the scribes and Pharisees and elders had gathered together with one another, having listened to the fact that all of the people were muttering and beating their breasts, saying that, "If His death causes these great signs to come into existence, behold that He was greatly upright!", ²⁹the elders were afraid, and they came towards Pilate, beseeching him and

saying, ³⁰“Hand over some soldiers to us, so that they may watch over His sepulchre up to the third day, lest His followers approach, stealing Him, and the people take up the idea that He has risen from *the* dead, and accomplish wretchedness to us!” ³¹Therefore Pilate handed over the centurion Petronius to them, with some soldiers, to watch over the tomb. And with these persons, *the* elders and scribes came upon the tomb, ³²and after rolling a massive stone, together with the centurion and the soldiers, all those existing there at the same time placed it against the entrance to the tomb. ³³And they marked it with seven seals, and after establishing a tent there, they watched over *it*.

³⁴However early at *the* dawn of the Shabbat, a crowd from Yarushalaim and the surrounding countryside came so that they may see the tomb that was sealed. ³⁵But in the night, the dawning of the Master’s, as the soldiers were watching over *it* two by two accordingly each watch, a great voice came to exist in heaven, ³⁶and they saw the heavens open, and two men came down from there, having much radiance, and approached the tomb. ³⁷Then the stone that was there, the one that had been thrown over the entrance, after rolling away by itself, yielded a considerable path, and the tomb opened, and both the young men went into *it*.

³⁸These things being so, having seen it those certain soldiers awoke the centurion and the elders (for they were also present, keeping watch themselves), ³⁹and as they were explaining what they had observed, again they perceived three men coming out from the tomb, and two were supporting one, and an upright pole accompanying them, ⁴⁰and indeed the head of two reached up to the point of the sky, but the one being supported by their power, His *head* progressed beyond the skies, ⁴¹and a voice was heard from out of heaven, saying, “Did you preach to those who have fallen asleep?” ⁴²And compliance was heard from the upright stake that “Yes *I have*”.

⁴³These things being so, those there were trying to reach a mutual perspective to go away and to manifest these things to Pilate, ⁴⁴but as they were still thinking it over, again the open heavens appeared, and a certain man came down and entered into the tomb. ⁴⁵After observing these things, those surrounding the centurion hastened towards Pilate at night, leaving behind the tomb which they were watching over, and explained all that they had observed, in great inner anguish and saying, “Truly, He was God’s Son!”

⁴⁶Answering, Pilate affirmed, "I am cleansed of the blood of the Son of God; however all of you chose *to do* this."

⁴⁷Afterwards, everyone approached, urgently begging and encouraging him to command the centurion and the soldiers to say nothing about what they had observed, ⁴⁸"Because it is better", they affirm, "for us to be guilty of a greater miss of the mark in the presence of God, and not to fall into *the* hands of the people of Yahuwdeans, and to be stoned to death." ⁴⁹These things being so, Pilate commanded the centurion and the soldiers not to say anything.

⁵⁰Nevertheless, at day break of the Masters, Miriam of Migdalah, a follower of the Sovereign Master, being afraid on the grounds of the Yahuwdean authorities, seeing as though they were fuming under the control of intense rage, she had not accomplished at the tomb of the Sovereign Master those things which woman are accustomed to accomplish on behalf of those who have been put to death, those whom they have dearly loved. ⁵¹After taking her friends with her, they came upon the tomb where He had been placed, ⁵²and fearing lest the Yahuwdean authorities would observe them, they were also saying, "Even if we were not able to weep and lament on that day in which He was crucified, let us now accomplish these things at His tomb. ⁵³However, which certain person among us shall also roll away the stone, the one that had been set upon the entrance of the sepulchre, so that after entering we can sit down beside Him and accomplish those things we are indebted *to do*? ⁵⁴Because the stone was massive, and we are afraid lest someone would see us. And if we aren't powerful enough, we shall still place those things which we have brought on behalf of His memorial at the entrance, weeping and lamenting until we come into our own house."

⁵⁵And after they had approached, they discovered that the tomb had been opened. And upon coming near, they stooped down to look in there, and they saw there a certain young man sat down in the midst of the tomb, beautiful and clothed in a long, shining robe; this one affirmed to them, ⁵⁶"Why have you come? Whom do you seek? *Surely* not the One Whom was crucified? He has risen and departed. Nevertheless, if none of you trust *this*, stoop down to look and observe the place where He lay, that He is not here. Affirming this, He is risen and has departed to the place where He has been dispatched." ⁵⁷Then the women fled, being afraid.

⁵⁸Continuing on, it was the final day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, and numerous persons left, returning into their own houses, as the festival had ended. ⁵⁹However we, the Twelve followers of the Sovereign Master, were weeping and grievous, and each one, grievous on the grounds of the circumstances that had happened, left to go into his own house. ⁶⁰But I, Shim'own Petros, and Andreas my brother, after receiving our nets, went off to the sea. And with us was Levi, the *son* of Kheleph, whom Yahuweh...