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# Good News

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### Evidence of the Resurrection

**1 Corinthians 15:1-8, “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.”**

Most scholars believe that **1 Corinthians**, Paul’s letter to the church at Corinth, was written a mere 20 years after the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. This is an early concise statement of the gospel and the evidence for it.

Peter tells us in **1 Peter 3:15**, **“But sanctify the Lord God in your**

**hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”** Peter tells us here what we should do, why we should do it, and how we should do it. What: be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you for the reason of the hope that is in you. Why: because you have hope. How: with meekness and fear.

Paul was ready to give an answer. And a model answer, at that. Are you ready to give an answer?

Let’s see how Paul does it. Paul says, I’ve got some good news for you. And, by the way, this is the same good news that I’ve been preaching to you, and you received it and believed it. And if you remember it and continue to believe it, there’s a salvation in it for you. Now, we know that this is a salvation for the here and now. It is a salvation from ignorance and despair to joy and hope in this life. It is not eternal salvation, which is of God alone, not dependent on your belief or your memory. I’m so glad my eternal salvation is not dependent on my faulty memory.

First, Paul declares the gospel. And it’s so simply stated that a child can

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## Elder Jonathan Moseley

Pastor of Fair Haven PBC



## When Our Perspective Needs Correcting

**Psalm 73** opens with a statement of truth. ***“Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.”*** God is Good to His People. That reality does NOT change. His love toward those He has chosen in Christ is steadfast and sure.

Yet the psalmist immediately follows that statement with a confession: ***“But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.”*** Though the truth had not changed, his perspective certainly had.

Many of the Lord’s people know something about this struggle. We believe the promises of God. We know the doctrines of grace. We confess that the Lord is faithful. Yet there are times when our perspective becomes clouded by our emotions and what we see around us.

The psalmist admitted that he had become envious of the wicked when he saw their prosperity. It seemed to him that those who disregarded and defied God had the easier path. They appeared to flourish with wealth and power while the righteous were stuck enduring affliction and chastening. From his narrow vantage point, it felt as if serving God had been “in vain.” What an honest confession this is...

Scripture does not hide the struggles of God’s children. Instead, it reveals them so that we might recognize the

feebleness of our own hearts when we fall into these same temptations.

The problem for the psalmist was not that truth had changed. The problem was that his perspective had become too small.

There is a great difference between truth and perspective. Truth is fixed and unchanging, but our perspective is often very limited like the narrow field of a submarine’s periscope. Looking only at the present moment, the prosperity of the wicked can appear impressive and even desirable. But when the psalmist went into the sanctuary of God, he began to see things differently. He writes, ***“then understood I their end.”*** The prosperity of the wicked, though impressive for a time, was temporary and fragile.

Let’s imagine that all the wealth and success of this world are like bananas. One man might have only one or two bananas, while another might have mountains of them. From a distance it might seem enviable to possess such an abundance. But you can only eat so many bananas, and they do not last very long. In just a short time, they will spoil and become nothing more than a rotten heap. So, it is with the riches and honors of this present world. However great they may appear today, they will not endure.

At the same time, the psalmist remembered the greatest blessing that belonged to the Lord’s people. Though he had felt alone and discouraged, he realized that the Lord had never left him. ***“Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.”*** What a comforting truth this is... Even when our perspective falters, God’s hold upon His children does not. The strength of our security does not rest in our grip upon Him, but in His faithful grip upon us.

God guides His people with His counsel through the trials of this life, and afterward He receives them into glory. Compared with such an eternal inheritance, the fleeting prosperity of this world is hardly worth envying.

Recognizing this, the psalmist was convicted of his earlier attitude. He confessed, ***“So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee.”*** His jealousy had blinded him to the greater reality of God’s goodness and care.

Yet the psalm does not end in despair. It ends in renewed devotion. ***“But it is good for me to draw near to God.”*** When our hearts grow discouraged, the remedy is not to withdraw from the Lord but to draw nearer to Him.

In His presence, our perspective is corrected.

In His Word, we are reminded of eternal realities **(Page 7)**

**NEW MEMBERS**

**Azia Marie Jones, Liam Whipple, Rylee Wright,  
Zaylee Jones, Malachi Hagins**

**Lower Mill Creek Primitive Baptist Church**

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**

What an incredible day!

I was expecting to baptize **Sister Azia Marie Jones**. She came up several Sundays ago asking for a home with the Church, and we, with great joy, received her as a candidate for baptism, and then last Sunday **Brother Liam Whipple** came up asking to be baptized and we were elated in the Lord! Well, the Lord wasn't finished yet!

Today after services, **Sister Rylee Wright** came forward asking for a home with the Church, and we were tickled to receive her. So, at this point it looked like it was going to be a TRIPLE baptism, until we got to Upper Black Creek Primitive Baptist Church and I was about to administer the



L-R: Azia Marie Jones, Rylee Wright, Elder Dave Stone (pastor), Zaylee Jones, Liam Whipple (front), and Malachi Hagins

ordinance when Sister Azia's sweet daughter Sister Zaylee Jones said that she wanted to be baptized at which point the joy was overwhelming! However, the Lord wasn't done, and no sooner than I descended the steps into the baptistry when Brother Malachi Hagins also expressed a desire to follow the Lord in baptism!

It ended up being FIVE BAPTISMS!!! God is amazing!!! Oh, and that guy in the middle is me, ONE HAPPY PASTOR!

~ Elder Dave Stone

*Wedding Shower*

A wedding shower will be held at  
Mount Paran Church for

***Rose Cain and Jonah Lowrance***

after the singing school, April 11 at 3pm



## Sunday Meetings



**Flat Shoals PBC**  
**2052 FAIRVIEW ROAD,**  
**STOCKBRIDGE, GA**

**WORSHIP: 2PM**

**APR 5** - Eld Brad Hansard

**APR 12** - Eld Silas Ford

**APR 19** - Eld Kevin Kennedy

**APR 26** - Eld David Smith



**Nancy Creek PBC**  
**1685 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET,**  
**CHAMBLEE, GA**

**WORSHIP: 10:30AM**

**APR 5** - Eld Roger Campbell

**APR 12** - Eld Ken Still

**APR 19** - Bro Daniel Hunter

**APR 26** - Eld Carl Staten



**Shoal Creek PBC**  
**65 SHOALS CREEK CHURCH RD,**  
**MANSFIELD, GA**

**WORSHIP: 10:30AM**

**APR 5** - Bro Mitch Bruce

**APR 12** - Eld Zack Guess

**APR 19** - Bro Calem Brown

**APR 26** - Eld Zack Guess

### Evidence of the Resurrection (cont)

understand it. Christ died for our sins. He was buried. And he rose again the third day. That's it. That's the gospel. But Paul does more than just state the gospel. He backs it up with evidence. Our faith is not a blind faith. It is a reasonable faith. You can reason with folks as you give them an answer for the hope that is in you.

After each assertion, Paul adds the phrase "according to the scriptures." Of course, at the time Paul wrote this letter, there was no New Testament. The scriptures were the Old Testament. So, Paul is saying that Christ died for our sins, was buried and rose again the third day, and the scriptures told you this was going to happen. And hundreds of years ago at that.

Let's look at a few of these scriptures.

Christ died for our sins.

**Isaiah 53:4-6, "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our**

***iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."***

**Isaiah 53:10-12, "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

He was buried.

**Isaiah 53:9, "And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, (Page 8)**

## ORDINATION

### Brother Daniel Taylor



On Saturday, March 14, 2026, a presbytery convened for the ordination of **Brother Daniel Taylor** to the office of deacon of Bethany Church.

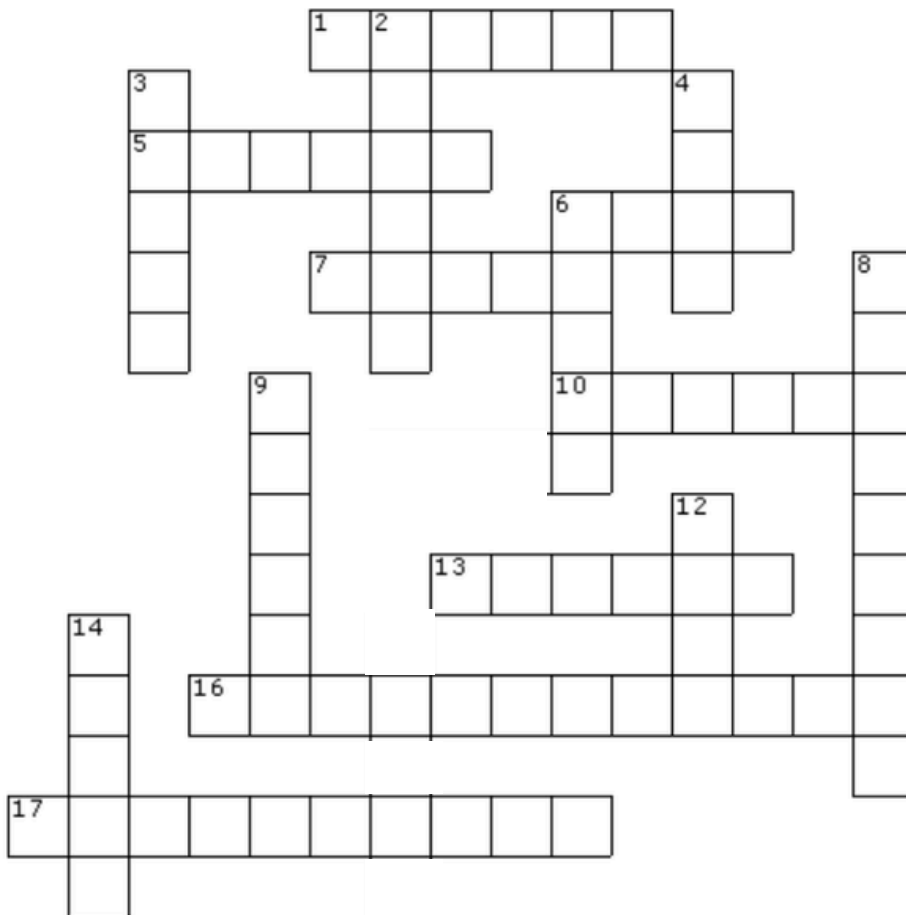
We're thankful for the providence of God in continuing to provide men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, that the church may be served well. May the Bride of Christ be blessed by the service of Brother Daniel.



Pictured at right (L-R) **Back Row:** Elders Marty Smith, Victor Halbgewachs, Silas Ford, Bro Sam Dugger, Elder Dave Chandler, Bro Jim Wilkinson, Elders Marty Hoskins and John Yadamec  
**Front Row:** Bro David Lawrence, Elder John Melvin, Bro George Corbitt, Sister Courtney and Bro Daniel Taylor, Bros Bryan Camp, Brent Coleman, and Gary Summerlin

## EASTER CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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### ACROSS

- 1 Jesus
- 5 Doubting \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Jesus rode a \_\_\_\_\_ into Jerusalem
- 7 Disciple who denied knowing Jesus
- 10 Easter season
- 13 \_\_\_\_\_ of Gethsemane
- 16 Easter celebrates the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus
- 17 Sunday before Easter

### DOWN

- 2 After 40 days, Jesus ascended to \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 An angel rolled away the \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 People greeted Jesus with \_\_\_\_\_ branches
- 6 Where Jesus died
- 8 Mary \_\_\_\_\_ discovered Jesus had risen
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ sentenced Jesus to die
- 12 Shortest verse: Jesus \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 \_\_\_\_\_ betrayed Jesus

# Prayer Requests

**Brother Mac Aldrige** - *brain tumor*

**Sister Aileen Hood** - *breast cancer*

## SAVE THE DATE

**NOV 19-21** (Thr-Sat)

### **2026 Preachers Meeting**

Hosted by **Boiling Springs PBC**,  
1200 Birmingham Rd, Milton, GA

**THEME: How Firm a Foundation**

**2 Tim 2:19, "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his."**

Meeting is open to all. Details to follow.

## WEEKLY/MONTHLY MEETINGS

### **Boiling Springs PBC**

1200 Birmingham Rd, Milton, GA

We meet every **Tuesday** at **6 PM** for our midweek meeting/Bible study.

### **Camp Creek PBC**

310 Camp Creek Rd SW, Lilburn, GA

The **1st** and **3rd** **Wednesdays** each month we have night service by Zoom at **7:15 PM**. To obtain the link please email [pastor@campcreekchurch.org](mailto:pastor@campcreekchurch.org)

### **Grace Fellowship PBC**

111 N Park St, Dahlonega, GA

We meet the **1st** and **3rd** **Sundays** at **3PM**.

### **Flat Shoals PBC**

2052 Fairview Road, Stockbridge, GA

We will have our **Sunday** service at **2PM** until further notice. For more info: 770-262-9254

### **Forsyth PBC**

6010 Shiloh Road, Alpharetta, GA

We have Bible Study via Zoom on **Wednesday** at **6:30PM**. Please text Sister Kathleen Heard at 270.535.9284 to join.

### **Mount Paran PBC**

3749 Mount Paran Church Road, Social Circle, GA

We meet every **Wednesday** at **7 PM** for our Bible study in person and online via Zoom.

### **Rock Springs PBC**

ZOOM Meeting ONLY

Worship at **7 PM** each **Thursday**. Send email to Elder Herb Newsome ([hnews01@comcast.net](mailto:hnews01@comcast.net)) for the link.

### **Sandy Springs PBC**

940 Mt Vernon Hwy NW, Sandy Springs, GA

Bible Study **Wednesdays** at **7:45 PM** via Zoom. Text Bro. Lloyd Wilkinson 770.633.8420 to join.

### **Union PBC**

335 Cox Road, Roswell, GA

We have Bible Study **Wednesdays** at **7 PM**, also via Zoom. The **Preachers' Meeting** is via Zoom only the **second Sunday** each month at **7 PM**. Text Bro. Marty Smith 770.401.7982 to join.

# Special Meetings

**APR 9-11** (Thr-Sat)

**Mount Paran PBC** - 3749 Mt Paran Church Rd, Social Circle, GA

Join us for **Singing School!** School will be taught by Elder Bryce Lowrance and Brother Matthew Arnold. Schedule coming . . . begins **Thursday evening** and ends **Saturday afternoon**. Stay tuned!

**APR 10-12** (Fri-Sun)

**Rome-Midway PBC** - 5615 Martha Berry Hwy, Armuchee, GA

Elders Ricky Myers (MI) and David Crawford plan to be with us for our **Annual Meeting. Worship: Friday at 7PM** (supper 6PM); **Saturday at 10AM** (lunch) and **afternoon**; and **Sunday at 10:30AM** (lunch).

**APR 24-25** (Fri-Sat)

**Little River April Meeting** - 335 Cox Road, Roswell, GA

Union Church will host the **Little River April Meeting. Worship: Friday at 7PM**; **Saturday at 10AM** (lunch) and **afternoon**

**APR 25-26** (Sat-Sun)

**Forest PBC** - 1008 Main Street, Forest Park, GA

Elder Paul Blair (TN) will be with us for our **Annual Meeting. Worship: Saturday at 10:30AM** (lunch) and **afternoon**; **Sunday at 10:30AM**, then **Communion** (lunch).

**APR 26** (Sun)

**Little River Monthly Mtg** - 174 Fields McGhee Road, Milton, GA

Shoal Creek Church will host the meeting. **Worship: 4PM**

**MAY 2-3** (Sat-Sun)

**Sandy Springs PBC** - 940 Mt Vernon Hwy NW, Sandy Springs, GA

Elders Dub Hatton (LA) and Randy McCarthy (OK) plan to be with us for our **Annual Meeting. Worship: Saturday at 10:30AM** (lunch) and **afternoon**; and **Sunday at 10:30AM**, then **Communion** (lunch).

**MAY 16-17** (Sat-Sun)

**Forsyth PBC** - 6010 Shiloh Road, Alpharetta, GA

Elder Jerry Williams (FL) is the invited speaker for our **Annual Meeting. Worship: Saturday at 10:30AM** (lunch) and **afternoon**; and **Sunday at 10:30AM** with **Communion** (lunch).

## When Our Perspective Needs Correcting (cont)

that far outweigh our temporary struggles. ***“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”*** Romans 8:18

The gathering of the saints, the preaching of the Word, prayer, and meditation upon the promises of God all serve this purpose. They lift our eyes above the narrow view of present circumstances and help us see again the larger picture of God's sovereign goodness.

The Lord's people may have seasons when their perspective falters, but the truth remains the same: God is good to His children. He holds

them by the hand, guides them through this life, and will one day receive each of them into glory.

Remembering this, we can echo the psalmist's final confession: ***“But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.”***

May the Lord grant each of us grace to draw nearer to Him, that our perspective might continually be brought back into alignment with His unchanging truth.

This article is based on the sermon  
“Confession of a Bad Attitude - Psalm 73” Elder Jonathan Moseley  
You can watch that message here:  
<https://www.sermonaudio.com/sermons/315261755401189>

## Evidence of the Resurrection (cont)

***neither was any deceit in his mouth.”***

He rose again the third day.

***Jonah 1:17, “Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.”*** Jesus explicitly connected Jonah’s 3 days and 3 nights in the whale’s belly to His 3 days and 3 nights in the heart of the earth (grave). ***Matthew 12:40, “For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”***

But Paul isn’t finished. He supports his declaration of the truth of the gospel with evidence of the resurrection. After He rose, Jesus was seen by Cephas (Peter), then the 12 apostles, 500 eyewitnesses at one time, James, all of the apostles, and Paul himself. And Paul adds that many of the 500 eyewitnesses are still alive. Go ask them!

Can you imagine the truth of Christ’s resurrection being determined in a court of law today? Yes, your honor, we have 500 eyewitnesses that we plan to call to the stand to testify that they saw the risen Christ. I would say that the jury would find for the truth of the resurrection by the preponderance of the evidence based only on this eyewitness testimony.

But there’s more. The tomb was empty on resurrection Sunday. ***Matthew 28:1-6, “In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not***

***here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”*** There is not a single report from ancient history refuting the report of the empty tomb. All the enemies of our Lord would have had to do is produce His body to quash the early church movement, which was about to catch fire and spread all over the world.

Instead, the religious leaders, who had wanted him dead, tried to cover it up.

***Matthew 28:11-15, “Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor’s ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.”***

They couldn’t produce the body of Jesus, so they bribed the Roman guards to say that Jesus’s disciples came and stole the body while we slept. This is ludicrous. Roman guards were executed if they fell asleep on the job. Sure, the disciples got past 4-16 Roman guards, who were asleep, rolled a 1-2 ton stone back up a slope uncovering the cave/grave of Jesus and stole the body. Yeah, right! I’m sure that would go over well with the jury. Swing and a miss!

James, the half-brother of Jesus, and Paul were skeptics and non-believers before they saw the risen Jesus. Their lives were dramatically changed. James became the bishop of the first church at Jerusalem church. Paul and Peter looked up to him as a leader in the early church. Paul stopped arresting and executing Christians and became an apostle, helping plant churches in Asia and Europe, and writing a large portion of the New Testament.

What else could have made such a dramatic change in the lives of James, Paul, and the rest of the apostles? Before they encountered the

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## Evidence of the Resurrection (cont)

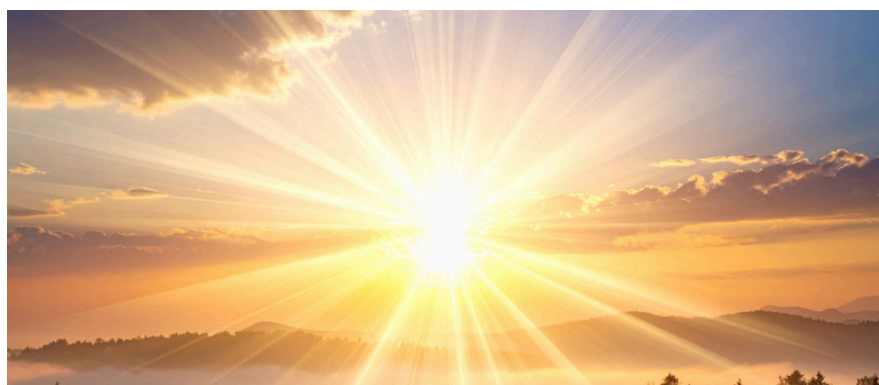
risen Christ, Peter and the other apostles were hiding in a locked room afraid that the authorities would come for them next. But after Jesus came walking through that locked door and showed himself to them in His resurrected body, they were not afraid anymore. In fact, they left that room and went out to all the world to spread the good news of the gospel, that Jesus died for our sins, was buried and rose again the third day. What else could have given them the confidence to go out and turn the world upside down, be beaten, tortured and killed for their faith? Nothing but the risen Christ. They were not afraid to die, because they had seen eternal life up close with their own eyes.

The burden for the skeptic of Christianity is to come up with another explanation for the entirety of the evidence including the empty tomb, the 500+ eyewitnesses, and the change in the lives of the apostles. If the resurrection of Jesus didn't happen, then what explains all of this evidence.

The simple answer is that there is no other answer.

He is risen!

May the Lord Bless You All.



ACROSS: 1 - Christ, 5 - Thomas, 6 - Colt, 7- Peter, 10 - Spring, 13 - Garden, 16 - Resurrection, 17 - Palm Sunday  
 DOWN: 2 - Heaven, 3 - Stone, 4 - Palm, 6 - Cross, 8 - Magdalene, 9 - Pilate, 12 - Wept, 14 - Judas