

## The Victory of Easter

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Luke 24:1-7 – 1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, [some of the women] went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. 5 And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified... and on the third day rise.”

### Jesus Disarmed the Rulers and Authorities

- Colossians 2:13-15 – 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 God disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.
- 1. God Disarmed Satan
  - KJV: God “spoiled” the principalities and powers (like spoils of war)
  - “disarmed” = apekduomai = to wholly and completely strip off... It has 2 prefixes (apo + ek) which strongly emphasize the depth of the disarmament
    - Comes from a Greek root word that means the sun setting
- 2. God Put Satan to Open Shame
  - Other Versions:
    - NIV: he made a public spectacle of them
    - NLT: he shamed them publicly
    - Christian Standard: he disgraced them publicly
    - CEV: he let the whole world see them being led away as prisoners
- 3. God Triumphed Over Satan
  - “triumph” = technical term for a triumphal military procession, a victory parade
    - Honor given to victorious generals
    - Biggest, most-extravagant spectacle in Rome
    - Minimum of 1 full day, usually 2-3 days, sometimes much longer
    - Huge crowds attended
    - General gave speeches, a banquet for the city
    - A parade: general in the front, captured enemy soldiers (now slaves), carts of the spoils of war, the victorious Roman soldiers
- Colossians 2:15 (The Passion Translation) – Jesus made a public spectacle of all the powers and principalities of darkness, stripping away from them every weapon and all their spiritual authority and power to accuse us. And by the power of the cross, Jesus led them around as prisoners in a procession of triumph. He was not their prisoner; they were his!
- Colossians 2:15 (Weymouth New Testament) – And the hostile princes and rulers He shook off from Himself, and boldly displayed them as His conquests, when by the Cross He triumphed over them.

### Jesus Crushed the Devil’s Head

- Genesis 3:15 – I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel [NIV: “he will crush your head”].
- Proto-Evangelium = The First Gospel
  - First time the Bible hints at the coming of a Messiah who would defeat the Serpent, the Devil.
- The Difference Between Heels and Heads
  - “bruise” = shuph = to bruise, strike, break, or overwhelm... related to the Aramaic meaning “to rub off or grind away”... I prefer the NIV “crush”

- The same word is used to talk about what Jesus did to the Serpent and what the Serpent did to Him
  - The difference is in where the attack was made. And this is a vital difference
- “heel” = aqeb = the lowest part of something, the bottom, the tail... a footprint
- “head” = rosh = the king or chief... highest, most powerful part
- The Commentators on Genesis 3:15
  - Quote: Matthew Henry - “He shall destroy all Satan’s politics and all his powers, and give a total overthrow to his kingdom and interest. Christ baffled Satan’s temptations, rescued souls out of his hands, cast him out of the bodies of people, dispossessed the strong man armed, and divided his spoil: by Christ’s death, he gave a fatal and incurable blow to the devil’s kingdom, a wound to the head of this beast, that can never be healed.”
  - Quote: John Gill - “The Messiah... should bruise the head of the old serpent the devil, that is, destroy him and all his principalities and powers, break and confound all his schemes, and ruin all his works, crush his whole empire, strip him of his authority and sovereignty, and particularly of his power over death, and his tyranny over the bodies and souls of men; all which was done by Christ, when he became incarnate and suffered and died.”
  - Quote: John Wesley - “Satan had now trampled upon the woman, and insulted ... her; but the Seed of the woman should be raised up in the fullness of time to avenge her quarrel, and to trample upon him, to spoil him, to lead him captive, and to triumph over him.”

### **Jesus Destroyed the Works of the Devil**

- 1 John 3:8 - Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.
- Other Translations:
  - CEV = “to destroy all that he has done”
  - Darby = “to undo” his works
  - Young’s Literal Translation = to “break up the works of the devil”
  - The Voice = “to destroy the plague of destruction inflicted on the world by the diabolical one”
- “destroy” = luo = to loosen, unchain, break apart, dissolve, melt, take off... often used in NT to mean “untie”
- Quote: Matthew Henry on 1 John 3:8 – “The devil has designed and endeavoured to ruin the work of God in this world. The Son of God has undertaken [a] holy war against him. He came into our world, and was manifested in our flesh, that he might conquer him and dissolve his works.”
- Hebrews 2:14-15 - 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

1 Corinthians 1:18 – For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.