**R950\_(R112) Rumination for Apr. 09, 2023 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: ***The Third Day and the First Day*** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *From that time forth began Jesus to show unto His disciples, how that He must*

*go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and*

 *scribes, and be killed, and be raised again* ***the third day****.* Mt. 16:21

 *Now when Jesus was risen early* ***the first day*** *of the week.* Mk. 16:9

The **T**hots:

Intro.:

On ***the third day*** Jesus would rise again from the grave. That day would also be the ***first day*** of the week.

Consider the events leading to the ***third day*** of His burial or the ***first day*** of the week – **the day of His resurrection.**

1. **Before His First Day in the Grave… Mt. 16:21**

He must **S**urely go to Jerusalem and **S**uffer many things there.

 *And when He was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?* Matt. 21:10

 *And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.* Matt. 21:11

The elders, chief priests and **S**cribes must **S**eek to kill Him.

 *And the chief priests and scribes* ***S****ought how they might kill Him;* Lk. 22:2

 *And the chief priests and scribes* ***S****tood and vehemently accused Him.* Lk. 23:10

He must be **S**lain, and be buried but the grave would not be able to **S**ecure Him.

 *And they shall kill him, and* the **third day** *He shall be raised again.* Mt. 17:23

1. **His First Day in the Grave –** **J**esus was buried in **J**oseph of Arimathaea’s tomb. Mt. 27:57-60

*When Joseph had taken the body, he … laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn*

*out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.*

1. **His Second Day in the Grave –** His **S**epulchre was **S**ecured and **S**ealed. Mt. 27:62-66

*Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day.* Mt. 27:64

***S****o they went, and made the* ***S****epulchre* ***S****ure,* ***S****ealing the* ***S****tone, and* ***S****etting a watch.*

1. **On the Third Day He rose from the Dead.**
	1. The **S**ignificance of the ***third* *day*** – the day of **R**esurrection.

Its 1st occurrence points to the day the earth was caused to **R**ise up out of the water. Gen. 1:9, 13

 *Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and*

 *let the dry land appear: and it was so…. And the evening and the morning were the third day.*

*Third* is the number of **R**esurrection: *and the third day He shall rise again.* Mk. 10:34

It **R**efers to the day Jesus was “perfected”: *and the third day I shall be perfected.* Lk. 13:32

* 1. The Significance of the ***first* *day*** – the day of “**R**egeneration”.

Its 1st occurrence refers to the **T**ime when light was separated from darkness. Gen. 1:3-5

*God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night.*

*And the evening and the morning were* ***the first day***.

On the *first day* of the month, the **T**ops of the mountains first rose into sight. Gen. 8:5 cf. 13

On the *first day* of the (seventh) month, the feast of **T**rumpets was observed. Lev. 23:24

* 1. The Importance of the *third* and *first* days in the **R**ealisation (Fulfilment) of Scripture:

*Thus* *it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead* ***the third day***. Lk. 24:46

*And that He was buried, and that He rose again* ***the third day*** *according to the scriptures:* I Cor. 15:4

Jesus was risen on **the *first day*** of the week Mk. 16:9

It was on **the *first day*** of the week that the disciples gathered together to break bread. Acts 20:7

It was on ***the first day*** of the week, that the church should assemble together. I Cor. 16:1, 2

 Thus, on this special day, being ***the first day*** of the week, let us keep in remembrance…

 That appointed ***third day*** when Jesus rose again triumphant over death and the grave.

Blest morning, whose young dawning rays Beheld our rising God,
That saw Him triumph o’er the dust, And leave His dark abode!

In the cold prison of a tomb The dead Redeemer lay,
Till the revolving skies had brought **The third, th’appointed day**.

Hell and the grave unite their force To hold our God in vain;
The sleeping Conqueror arose, And burst their feeble chain.

To Thy great Name, almighty Lord, These sacred hours we pay;
And loud hosannahs shall proclaim The triumph of the day.

Salvation and immortal praise To our victorious King;

 Let Heav’n, and earth, and rocks, and seas, With glad hosannahs ring.

 [Isaac Watts](http://www.cyberhymnal.org/bio/w/a/t/watts_i.htm%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

**Reflections for the Week R. 950**

1. Mat 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.*

How do you reconcile the *three days and three nights* in Jesus’ propheticalstatement with the traditional celebration of Jesus’ crucifixion on a Friday?

One thing we can be very sure and this is that the Lord resurrected from the dead on the third day which was ***the first day of the week***. This day became the rallying day for His disciples and for the early church:

* + *Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.* Jn. 20:19
	+ *And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread.*

Acts 20:7

* + *Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.* I Cor. 16:2

How do you spend your first day of the week?

Is today of any significance to you? How do you regard this day- not April the 9th in particular, but it being that *first day of the week* when the Lord rose again from the dead?

1. How does your knowledge that Jesus had risen from the dead affect your practical life? Consider and think on these challenges in **Rom. 6.**
	* *Now if* ***we be dead with Christ****, we believe that we shall also live with Him:*

 *Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more;*

 *death hath no more dominion over Him*. Rom. 6:8, 9

* + *Therefore* ***we are buried with Him*** *by baptism into death:*

 *that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father,*

 *even so we also should walk in newness of life*. Rom. 6:4

* + *Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin:*

 *but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are* ***alive from the dead****,*

 *and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.* Rom. 6:13

*One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,*

*One day the stone rolled away from the door;*

*Then He arose, over death He had conquered;*

*Now is ascended, my Lord evermore!*

*One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,*

*One day the skies with His glories will shine;*

*Wonderful day, my belovèd ones bringing;*

*Glorious Savior, this Jesus is mine!*

Refrain:

*Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;*

*Buried, He carried my sins far away;*

*Rising, He justified freely forever;*

*One day He’s coming—O glorious day!*

 J. Wilbur Chapman

**POINTS TO PONDER:** *Is it not* ***R****ight to put the Lord* ***First*** *on every* ***First*** *day of the week*

 *to* ***R****emember Him on the Lord’s Day at the Lord’s Supper?*