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The Passion Week

- Sunday:
 - The Triumphal Entry
 - Healing at the Temple
- Monday:
 - Cursing of the Fig Tree
 - Cleansing of the Temple
 - Greeks seek Jesus

The Passion Week

- Tuesday:
 - The Lesson of Faith from the Withered Fig Tree
 - Teaching on the Temple Mount
 - A Series of Questions from His enemies
 - 1) The source of His authority
 - Jesus' counter-question about John the Baptist
 - Three parables against the Jews and their leaders
 - 2) The morality of paying taxes

I. The Denial of the Resurrection (18-23)

- **A.** The Philosophical Basis for Rejecting the Resurrection (18)
- **B.** The "Ridiculous" Practical Consequences of Believing the Resurrection (19-23)
 - E.g., 2 Tim. 2:17-18 - their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, *men* who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.

II. Jesus' Public Affirmation of the Resurrection (24-27)

- **A.** Why People Reject the Resurrection (24)
- **B.** What the Nature of Resurrection Life Is Like (25)
- **C.** Why Jesus Believed the Resurrection (26-27)

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- 1) The Scripture clearly teaches a future resurrection of the body!
 - Job 19:25-27
 - Ps. 16:10 - You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.
 - Ps. 49:15 - God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol, For He will receive me.

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c. Why Jesus Believed the Resurrection (26-27)

- 1) The Scripture clearly teaches a future resurrection of the body!
 - Is. 26:19 - Your dead will live; Their corpses will rise. You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy, For your dew is as the dew of the dawn, And the earth will give birth to the departed spirits.
 - Dan 12:2 - "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.
 - Hos 13:14 - For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking *the city* which is to come.

c. Why Jesus Believed the Resurrection (26-27)

- 2) His exegesis of the Scripture affirms the resurrection.
- 3) Jesus then affirms the principle of antithesis.
- The Reactions...
 - Matt. 22:33 - When the crowds heard *this*, they were astonished at His teaching.
 - Luke 20:39-40 - Some of the scribes answered and said, "Teacher, You have spoken well." ⁴⁰ For they did not have courage to question Him any longer about anything.

Application...

- 1) Have confidence in the reality of the future historical event of the resurrection.
 - 1 Cor. 15:12-20 – Jesus' own resurrection proved the reality of our future resurrection.
- 2) Let Jesus' teaching motivate you to share the gospel.
 - John 5:28-29

Application...

- 3) Meditate on Jesus' teaching for comfort regarding either the past death or impending death of those you love.
 - 1 Th. 4:13-18

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- 4) Meditate on the teaching of Scripture to overcome the fear of your own death.
 - Heb. 2:14-15 - since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

Application...

- 4) Meditate on the teaching of Scripture to overcome the fear of your own death.
 - Job 19:25-27 - "As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last He will take His stand on the earth. ²⁶ "Even after my skin is destroyed, Yet from my flesh I shall see God; Whom I myself shall behold, And whom my eyes will see and not another. My heart faints within me!
 - John 6:39-40, 44.
 - John 11:23-26