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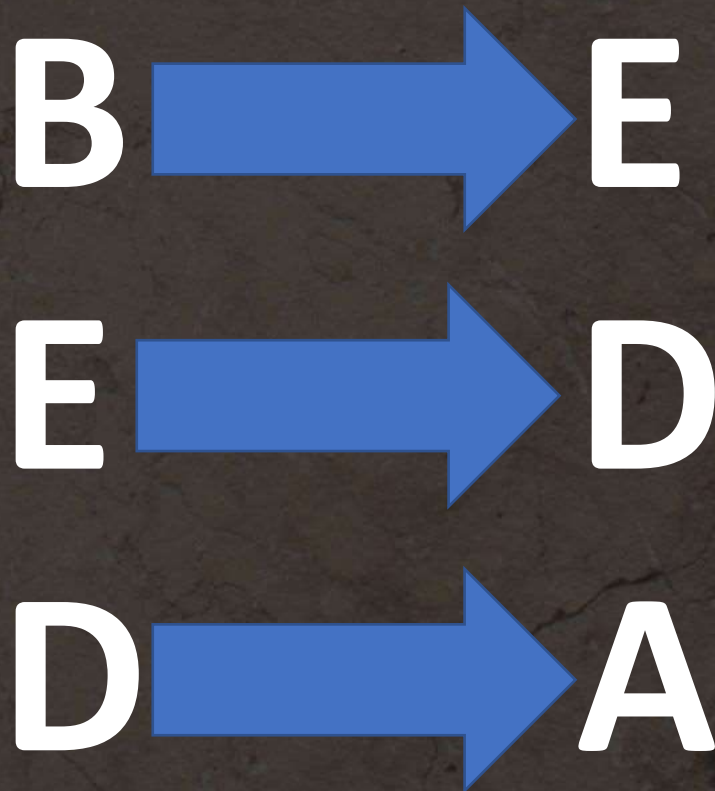
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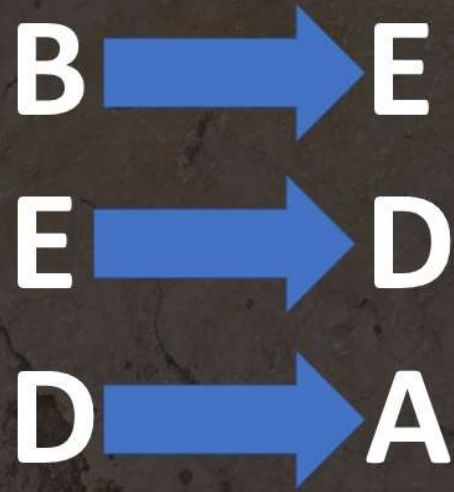


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Example:

Belief = All students have the ability to learn

Expectation = If they try in school, they will learn

Decision = They will participate in their education

Action = Engage in specific activities of learning



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Example:

Belief = Marriage is important and a gift from God

Expectation = Both spouses will love and be loved

Decision = Pursue things that strengthen the marriage

Action = Humbly do the activities of loving and serving



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Negative Example:

Belief = Our army cannot defeat the enemy

Expectation = I will avoid difficult combat

Decision = I will ignore military strategies and orders

Action = Seek survival and escape, not victory



The Original Good Friday

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They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the **Place of a Skull**, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between. John 19:17-18



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Therefore
when Jesus
had received
the sour wine,
He said, “It is
finished!” **And
He bowed His
head and gave
up His spirit.**
John 19:30



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Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and **in the garden a new tomb** in which no one had yet been laid. Therefore because of the Jewish day of preparation, since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. John 19:41-42





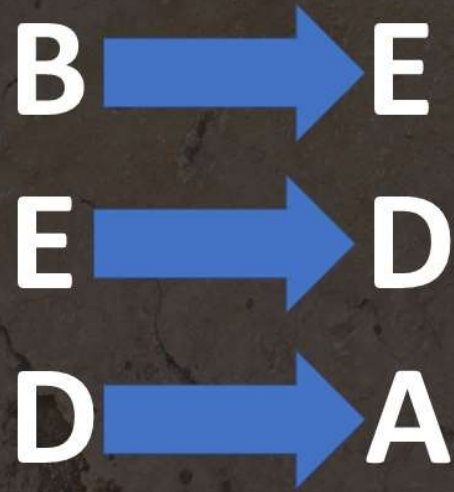
The Original Resurrection Day

Mark 16



When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him. Mark 16:1

*What would you do after your sinless Messiah was executed?



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Formula applied:

Belief = Jesus has been murdered and is gone forever

Expectation = We will find a dead body in the tomb

Decision = We need to finish the rushed burial

Action = Buy spices to anoint Jesus' dead body



Very early on the first day of the week
[Sunday], they came to the tomb when
the sun had risen. Mark 16:2



They were saying to one another,
“Who will roll away the stone for us
from the entrance of the tomb?”
Mark 16:3

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Another
ancient
tomb, not
the tomb of
Jesus,
showing a
round stone





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Formula applied:

Belief = Jesus is dead and inside in the tomb

Expectation = A heavy stone will cover the entrance

Decision = We need someone to move the stone

Action = Look for a strong helper



Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large.

Mark 16:4

- *Depression and sorrow often cause me to look DOWN.
- *Sometimes, when I look UP instead of DOWN, I realize that my previous beliefs and expectations were wrong.



Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. Mark 16:5

- *When you realize that your previous beliefs and expectations were wrong, God may allow you to see things that will amaze you.
- *God wants to speak to you and give you a new perspective.
- *He can speak through the Holy Spirit or His Word or through angels or through fellow believers.







And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified.” Mark 16:6a

*Jesus had indeed been crucified. But that was not the end of the story.

*Do not be amazed when God’s power is greater than you could have imagined.



And he (the angel) said to them, “**He has risen;**
He is not here; behold, here is the place where
they laid Him.” Mark 16:6b

*Their initial **beliefs** were wrong which caused their
expectations and **decisions** and **actions** to be wrong.

*Do not be amazed when God keeps His promises.



Resurrection Predicted

- But the Lord was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief; if He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand. Isaiah 53:10
(written in approximately 700 BC)
- Come, let us return to the Lord. For He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bandage us. He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day, that we may live before Him. Hosea 6:1-2
(written in approximately 750 BC)



The angel said, “But go, tell His disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.’ ”
Mark 16:7

*The life-changing story of salvation based on God’s fulfilled promises should never be kept to yourself.



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Formula applied:

Belief = Jesus was dead and now is alive

Expectation = Other people need this news

Decision = I will not keep this to myself

Action = Tell the story of the Risen Savior today



“But go, tell His disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.’ ”

Mark 16:7

*When you tell others about the Risen Savior, don't leave anyone out... even those you might think are disqualified.



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Formula applied:

Belief = Jesus can forgive anyone

Expectation = Some people think they are unforgivable

Decision = I will not let them live with that pain

Action = I will explain the grace and mercy of Jesus



“But go, tell His disciples and Peter,
‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee;
there you will see Him, just as He
told you.’ ” Mark 16:7



What had Jesus told them?

And He [Jesus] began to teach them [His 12 disciples] that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed [crucified], and after three days rise again. Mark 8:31



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Formula applied:

Belief = Jesus never breaks promises

Expectation = If I listen, He will speak to me

Decision = I want to learn what He has said

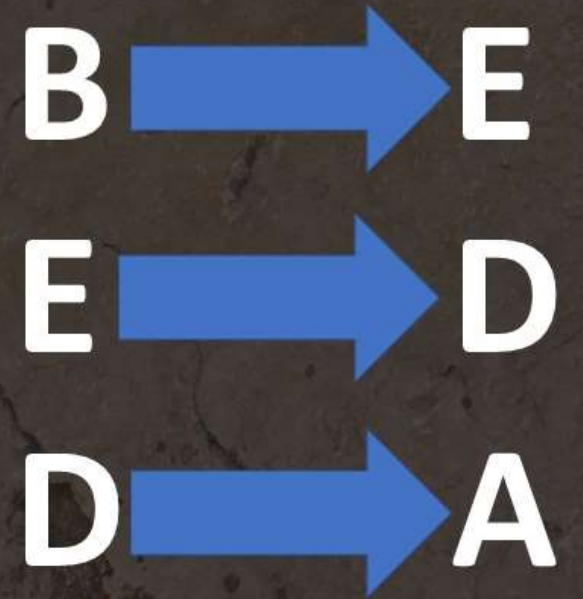
Action = I will trust even when I don't fully understand



They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. Mark 16:8

- *How do you comprehend the world's greatest miracle?
- *Will I let fear overwhelm me?
- *Will I obey the command to tell?

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If this formula is valid, then EVERYTHING
of value in life begins with BELIEF



Jesus said, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16



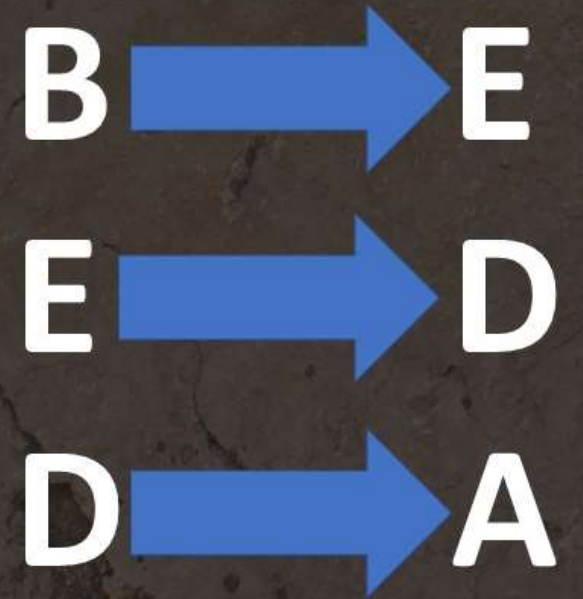
Jesus answered and said to them,
“This is the work of God, that you
believe in Him whom He has sent.”

John 6:29



but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. John 20:31

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**What should we do on this
Resurrection Day?**



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Formula applied to those have chosen to follow Jesus:

Belief = Jesus has RISEN from the dead

Expectation = The RISEN Savior offers salvation to all

Decision = I want others to meet that RISEN Savior

Action = I will tell the story of Jesus to a friend today



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Formula applied to those who do not yet know Jesus:

Belief = Jesus has RISEN from the dead

Expectation = The RISEN Savior offers salvation to all

Decision = I want to follow that RISEN Savior

Action = I willingly surrender my heart to Jesus today

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**Empty people
need an empty
tomb**

**God the Father
brought Jesus
to life and He
wants to do the
same for you.**