



Newsletter

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3 Reason Why Jesus Spent 40 Days On Earth After His Resurrection

<https://www.therapyforchristians.com/blog/why-did-jesus-spend-40-days-with-disciples-after-resurrection>

Have you ever thought about the forty days between Jesus' resurrection and ascension to heaven? The 40 days after Jesus rose from the dead one of most significant periods of the church calendar, and least celebrated or noted. One question I often wondered was "why did Jesus stay around for 40 days after He came back from the grave, instead of going immediately into heaven?"

The Bible verse that confirms that the

Lord Jesus stayed on earth for 40 days after his resurrection is found in Acts 1:3, which states:

After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

After being resurrected, Jesus Christ could have easily revealed Himself to a few people on that day and returned to His Father the same day. However, He didn't.

So why did Jesus stay so long, His love for his disciples, His love for Peter (the disciple who denied him), and His love for us compelled Jesus to stay for 40 days.

Jesus' love for His Disciples

Jesus' disciples were discouraged and filled with fear. In *John 20:19*, we learn that many of

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the apostles were hiding after Jesus was crucified. However, Jesus spent 40 days with the disciples to not only prove he was alive but to encourage them and strengthen them for the task ahead. Specifically, Jesus spent 40 days with the apostles:

1. **To teach and instruct his disciples:** During this time, Jesus continued to teach and instruct his disciples about the kingdom of God and the mission they were to carry out.
2. **To commission his disciples:** Jesus commissioned his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
3. **To prepare his disciples for his ascension:** Jesus spent this time preparing his apostles for his departure, encouraging them to continue in faith and to await the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Love For Peter, the Disciple who Denied Him

Another reason Jesus stayed on earth for 40 days after His resurrection instead of ascending immediately into heaven was to encourage Peter. During Jesus' trial, Peter denied Jesus three times. After realizing he had failed Jesus, Peter felt guilty and unworthy. During Christ's time on Earth after His resurrection, Jesus questioned Peter three times in order to restore Peter to his position within church history. It is during this questioning that Christ gave Peter the famous charge to "Feed my sheep" (see *John 21:15-19*).

Jesus' Love For Us, His Church

Jesus' love for us, his church, was another

driving force behind his decision to remain on earth for 40 days after his resurrection. He understood that the church was not just a gathering of leaders/disciples but a community of believers who needed his guidance and presence.

The Apostle Paul wrote that "he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living" (*1 Corinthians 15:6*) which is a clear indication that his love for his followers extended beyond his immediate disciples. This act was a powerful testimony to the validity of his message, and it served to encourage and inspire all those who saw him. This event was recorded in *1 Corinthians 15:6*, which states that Jesus "appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time."

Through his love and care for his church, Jesus demonstrated that he was committed to ensuring that his message would continue to be spread throughout the world and one day reach you and I.



St. John's

Each April, Donate Life America (DLA) leads National Donate Life Month (NDLM), an observance focusing national attention on the need and importance of organ, eye and tissue donation. National Donate Life Month is about the importance of registering your decision to be a donor, honoring deceased and living donors, and celebrating the lives they saved. It is the generosity of donors and donor families that makes saving lives through transplantation possible.

Donate LifeSM is the national brand for the cause of donation, uniting the hundreds of donation and transplantation organizations; the more than 100,000 patients waiting for transplant; the life and legacy of the more than 1 million recipients in the U.S. and their families; the donor families who say yes in their time of grief, and the more than 170 million people who have registered their decision to be a donor and help others at the end of their life.

Join key celebrations throughout April to support the Donate Life cause online and in your community:

[Donate Life Living Donor Day, April 3, 2024](#)

Celebrate the lifesaving generosity of living donors and learn more about [living donation](#).

[Blue & Green Spirit Week, April 6-12, 2024](#)

The week leading up to National Donate Life Blue & Green Day has themed days focused on appreciation, outreach and education – [download](#) the full week calendar.

[National Donate Life Blue & Green Day, April 12, 2024](#)

On Donate Life Blue & Green Day, everyone is invited to show their blue & green colors in support of the Donate Life message and mission – and join the National Donate Life Blue & Green Day Photo Contest!

[National Pediatric Transplant Week, April 21-27, 2024](#)

The last full week of National Donate Life Month is dedicated to kids. National Pediatric Transplant Week (NPTW) focuses on ending the pediatric transplant waiting list.

National Pediatric Transplant Week is a collaboration of Donate Life America (DLA), the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), the American Society of Transplantation (AST), the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS), and Transplant Families.



Acts Chapter 1

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 Judea
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 Samaria
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 Barsabas
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 Justus
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THIS DAY IN HISTORY
@ St. John...

...Easter 2006
April 7, 2006





Tips help last-minute taxpayers

https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-utl/OC_Tipshelplastminutetaxpayers.pdf

The tax filing deadline is just around the corner. If you're still working on your tax return, these tips may help you complete your return accurately and timely:

- ☑ File electronically: IRS efile is available to all taxpayers and many can e-file their individual tax returns for free. Last year, nearly 100 million taxpayers opted for the safest, fastest and easiest way to submit their individual tax returns — IRS e-file.
- ☑ Check the identification numbers: Carefully check identification numbers — usually Social Security numbers — for each person listed. This includes you, your spouse, dependents and persons listed in relation to claims for the Child and Dependent Care Credit or Earned Income Tax Credit. Missing, incorrect or illegible Social Security numbers can delay or reduce a tax refund.
- ☑ Double-check your figures: If you are filing a paper return, double-check that you have correctly figured the refund or balance due.
- ☑ Check the tax tables: If you e-file, the software will do this for you. If you are using Free File Fillable Forms or a paper return, double-check that you used the right figure from the tax table for your filing status.
- ☑ Sign your form: You must sign and date your return. If you're filing a joint return, both you and your spouse must sign it, even if only one of you had income. If you paid someone to prepare your return, they must also sign it and enter their Preparer Tax Identification Number.
- ☑ Send your return to the right address: If you are mailing a return, find the correct mailing address at www.irs.gov. • Pay electronically: Electronic payment options are convenient, safe and secure methods for paying taxes. You can authorize an electronic funds withdrawal or use a credit or a debit card.
- ☑ Follow instructions when mailing a payment: People sending a payment should make the check payable to the United States Treasury and should enclose it with, but not attach it to, the tax return or the Form 1040-V, Payment Voucher, if used. The check should include the Social Security number of the person listed first on the return, daytime phone number, the tax year and the type of form filed.
- ☑ File or request an extension of time to file: By the April 15 due date, you should either file a return or request an extension of time to file. Remember, the extension of time to file is not an extension of time to pay.
- ☑ Visit IRS.gov: Forms, publications and helpful information on a variety of tax subjects are available at www.irs.gov.

Below are helpful resources on IRS.gov YouTube video

Last-Minute Tax Tips - Millions of people wait until the last minute to file their tax returns. If you're one of them, find out what your options are.

On Twitter? Send these tweets.

#IRS #e-file is now open. It's fast, secure and accurate, and the best way to get your #refund quickly. <http://www.irs.gov/Filing>

Quick! Secure! Free! #EFTPS – pay your #IRS #taxes online 24/7 365 days a year. Enroll: <http://go.usa.gov/2VL>

#IRS: Unable to file your #tax return by April 15? File for an auto 6 month extension through Oct. 15 <http://go.usa.gov/1ax> #taxes

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Four ways to get Free Tax help

On TUMBLR – follow us on TUMBLR
Tips to make filing season less taxing



Custodian

St. John Baptist Church - Vance is currently looking to fill the custodian vacancy.

For an application and complete job description please contact **Mrs. Joyce Collins**, Personnel Committee Chair or the Church Office.

Please share this job opening.



Friendly Reminder:

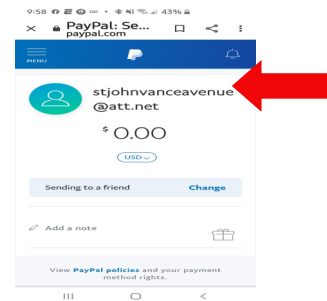
It's never too late to make your 2024 Men's and Women's Day contributions as well as your annual Club dues!!!



WARNING:

PAYPAL FEES!!!!

As of July 28, 2022, PayPal updated the rate for the "Send/Receive Money for Goods and Services" to 2.99% (with no fixed fee) within the US. This pricing change will result in fee increases for some transactions.



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