



## The Rolled Away Stone

"The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. " John 20:1

"..... After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people".  
Jeremiah 31:33

The events of the first Easter some 2,000 years ago bear great significance to all who worship and follow Christ as their Lord and Savior. As a matter of fact, every event in the Life of Christ bears great import to us. Christmas signifies the coming of the Light of the World among us in human form. Without that event, none others could have benefitted us. The Crucifixion of Christ bears at least an equivalent significance, for it is the very act that saved us. Christ, on the cross, paid the penalty for sin that we all owe, and He was the only One able to do so. The argument that Christmas, or Good Friday, or Easter bears greater or less meaning is a circular one. All were foreordained in the High Council of Heaven before the foundation of the world was laid. But the singular act of Redeeming us from our sins did, indeed, occur on the Cross when Christ bore the sins of the world.

The glorious Resurrection of our Lord was evidenced by the Stone Rolled Away revealing an Empty Tomb and a living Savior. Though this was a wonderful expression of His power to "lay down His life, and to take it up again," it nevertheless was simply a confirmation of all that He had said, done, and shown through His life, and ultimate death, on the cross. The Resurrection sealed that which had occurred three days earlier on Golgotha. The events of Holy Week were confirmed in our hearts by the Resurrection. No longer would the Law, written on Tables of Stone, be a curse to us. The Law of God would now be written in the soft sinews of our hearts. We now follow and obey, not due to Pharisaic compulsion, but out of a new order called Love. " Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down His life for His friends." What a sinless Life to lay down, and what a marvellous benefit for us to be called His friend. How remarkable that the rolling away of the stone from the tomb also sealed the conversion of the Law from the Tables of Stone to the writing of His Law on our hearts.

Is God's Law written in your heart, or does the great stone still block its entrance thereto. If you have not done so, please allow the stone to be rolled away, and, as Christ arose from the Open Tomb, allow Him to enter into your Open Heart - today!

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### ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, THOMAS CRANMER, ON HOLY SCRIPTURE

"If there were any word of God beside the Scripture, we could never be certain of God's Word; and if we be uncertain of God's Word, the devil might bring in among us a new word, a new doctrine, a new faith, a new church, a new god, yea himself to be a god. If the Church and the Christian faith did not stay itself upon the Word of God certain, as upon a sure and strong foundation, no man could know whether he had a right faith, and whether he were in the true Church of Christ, or a synagogue of Satan."

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