

### **Easter** The Greatest News in All the World

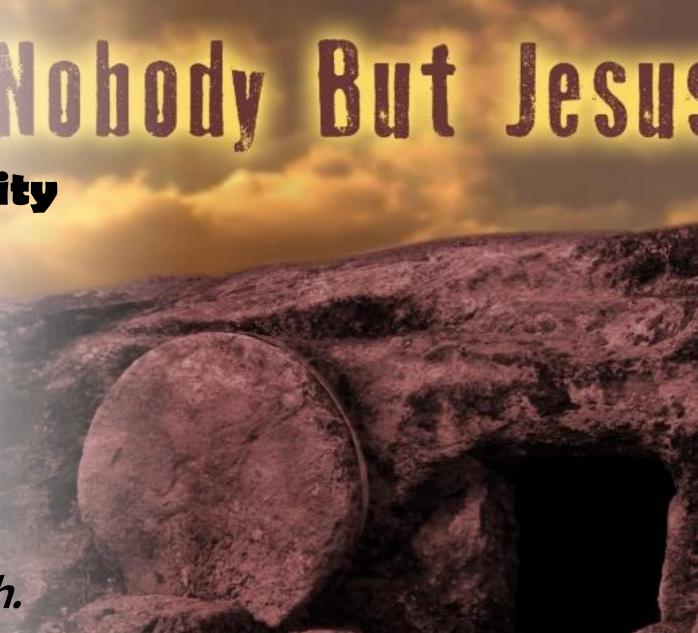
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No Easter, No Christianity

1 Corinthian 15:13-17

13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.





### The Sunday Morning

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

The Women at the Tomb

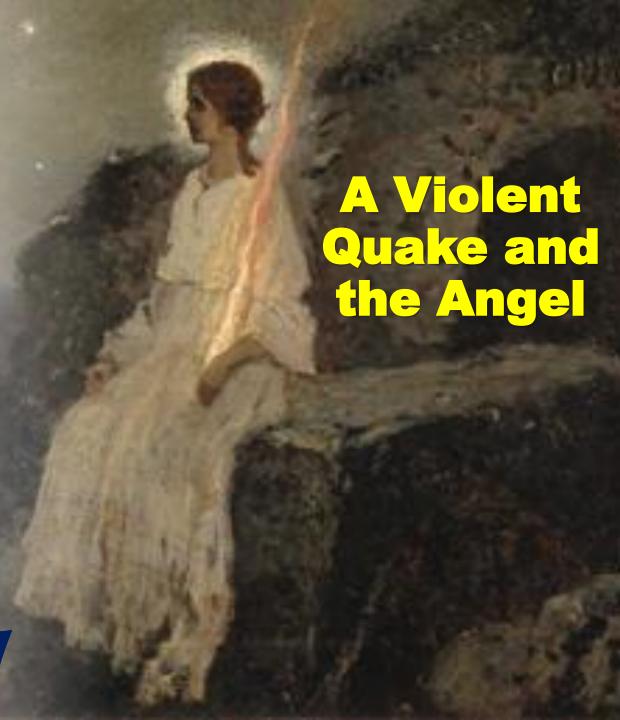
"last at the cross and first at the tomb"

A supreme surprise of God's Grace!

### The Work of God

<sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

A surprise for the devoted broken hearted



### Sorrowful, Confused, Bewildered, Frightened.

<sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.

## They were Comforted He is not here, he has risen!



A Command
Come, See, Go, Tell
Jesus has Risen!

Come and see the place where he lay.

<sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples:

"He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee.

There you will see him."

From Mourner to Missionary

An Assurance & A Promise

You will See Him

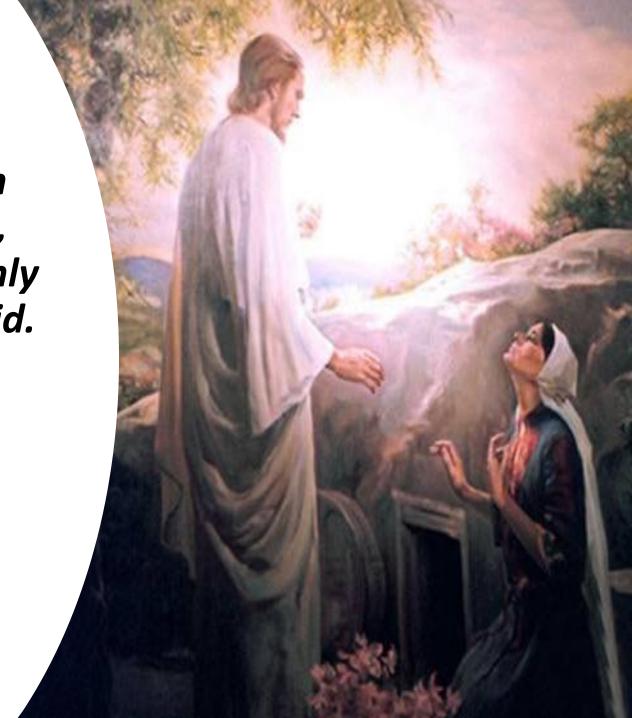


### Surprise! He appeared to them

<sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciple. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. 'Greetings,' he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him.

#### A Promise Fulfilled!

From Fear and Sorrow to Joy to Worship



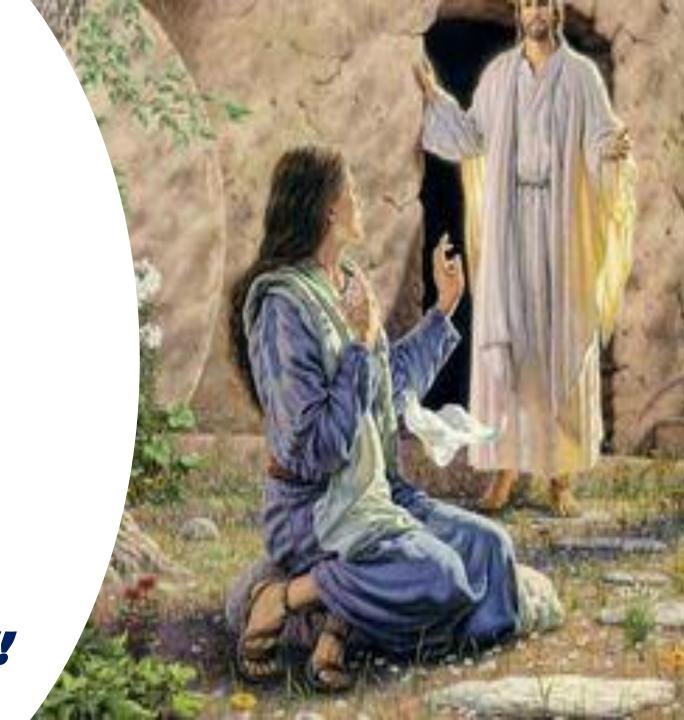
### From Worship to Commission

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

From Disappointment to Appointment

With Him and by Him

"Last at the cross, first at the tomb, first to tell!



### Jesus appeared to the disciples

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.

From Disappointment to Worship

They Worship Him!



They were Transformed

Empowered to live the New Life of Peace, Power, and Purpose!

# Greatest Testimony that Easter is True! Pascal shared,

'Virtually all the apostles and early Christian leaders died for their faith, and it is hard to believe that this kind of powerful self-sacrifice would be done to support a hoax.'



### Christ's Resurrection and Our Life

Are you seeking the Lord today in your distress?

## Seek him with all your heart

#### Proverbs 8:17

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me.

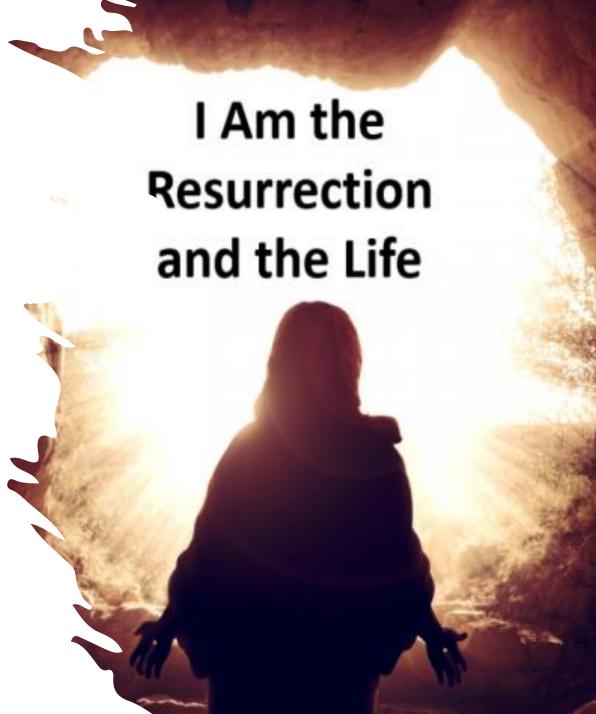


Have a personal encounter with the living Christ and be transformed!

From Mourner to Missionary
From Fear and Sorrow to Peace,
Joy, Worship, and Commission

The Resurrection is the springboard for new life and mission with Jesus

God redeems us to transform and empower us in order to multiply us.



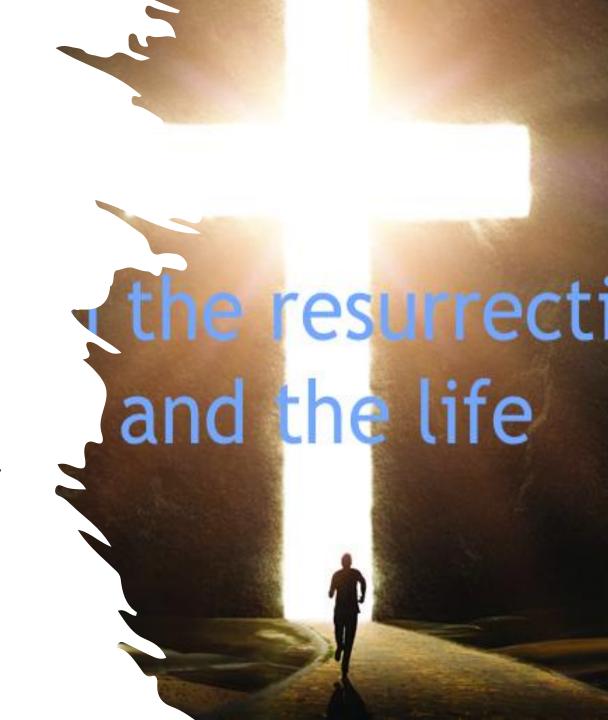
### We Live and Serve a Risen Saviour

#### Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

<sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

With the kingdom heavenly perspective



### Our life is shielded, safe & secure in God

<sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

#### **Heaven is Real**

<sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The resurrection points us to His coming again!



#### **Heaven is Real**

"sitting there, I was reminded that in heaven I will be free to jump up, dance, kick, and to do aerobics...I plan to do on resurrected legs to drop on grateful, glorified knees. I will quietly kneel at the feet of Jesus...

I with shrivelled, bent fingers, atrophied muscles, gnarled knees, and no feeling from the shoulders down, will one day have a new body, light, bright, and clothed in righteousness – powerful and dazzling.

Can you imagine the hope that the resurrection gives someone who is spinal cord - injured like me?"



Joni Eareckson Tada

# We serve persevering to the end because of the resurrection power

#### Hebrew\$ 12:2-3

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

