Good News: Jesus Christ is Risen

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The Good News Of The Resurrection

♦ The Resurrection:
  • The Greatest Good News In All Of Eternity
  • It Has Forever Shaped The Lives Of All Of Humanity
  • It Was A Turning Point In History
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(Mat 28:1-10 NIV) After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. (2) 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. (3) His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. (4) The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.
(5) The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. (6) He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. (7) 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.' Now I have told you."
(8) So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. (9) Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. (10) Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."
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He Is Not Here:

- Don't Look For Him In A Tomb

- Rev 1:18 (NIV) "I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."
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- Don’t Follow Someone Who Is
  - Dead And Gone
  - Defeated And Denied

- Follow Christ -- He Is A Winner
  - Defeating Death
  - Overcoming The Grave
  - Alive Now And Forever
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- Confucius' Tomb -- Occupied
- Buddha's Tomb -- Occupied
- Muhammad's Tomb -- Occupied
- Jesus' Tomb -- Is Empty!
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Luke 24:5 (NIV) ... "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

(6) "He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee"

**Why Do You Look For The Living Among The Dead?**
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- **Jesus Christ Was Dead -- But He Is Not Dead Any Longer**

- (1 Cor 15:3-4 NIV) For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, (4) that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
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- He Gave His Life As A Substitute For A World Of Lost Sinners

  - He Died For You

  - He Died For Me
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♦ When Peter And John Reached The Tomb:
  - The Burial Clothes Were In The Tomb
  - The Body Of Jesus Was Gone
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❖ "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" (6) "He is not here; he has risen!"

❖ You Don’t Have To Worship Jesus In A Tomb – He Is Not There

❖ He Is Risen
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- Mat 12:40 (NIV) "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."
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- Mat 20:18 (NIV) ""We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death"
Mat 26:2 (NIV) ""As you know, the Passover is two days away--and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.""
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Because He Did What He Said He Would:

- His Words Took On A New Depth
- Our Lives Have More Meaning
- The Gospel Preaching Is True
- Our Faith Is Placed In One Who Can Save
- Our Sins Are Forgiven
- Our Records Are Cleared
- The Load Of Sin And Guilt Are Lifted
Because He Was Resurrected We Can Know That We Too Will Be Resurrected
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- The Crux Of The Gospel
  - Christ Died For Our Sins
  - He Was Buried
  - He Was Raised On The Third Day
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- If There Is No Resurrection...
  - Then Our Preaching Is Useless
  - Our Faith Is Useless
  - Early Christians Are False Witnesses
  - Our Faith Is Futile
  - We Are Still In Our Sins
  - Those Who Have Died In Christ Are Lost
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- Because Christ Was Raised
  - We Too Can Be Raised

- The Kingdom Is Established

- We Can Trust Him – He Will Come Again

- There Is Reason Live And Believe In Him
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- The Good News Of The Resurrection:
  - It Works In Every Part Of The World
  - It Is Not Just For A Qualified Few
  - We Have A Way To Be Released From Our Past And Our Present
  - We Can Be Made Ready For Our Future In Christ
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What We Used To Be We Are No More

- From **Fear To Hope**
- From **Numbness To Feeling**
- From **Drifting To Direction**
- From **Questions To A New Destiny**
- From **Darkness To Understanding**
- From **Failure To Potential**
- From **Despair To Faith & Hope**
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Because He Has Risen:

- I am free from failure
- I am free from want
- I am free from fear
- I am free from doubt
- I am free from weakness
- I am free from the power of Satan
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Because He Has Risen:

- I am free from defeat
- I am free from ignorance
- I am free from sin
- I am free from worry
- I am free from bondage
- I am free from condemnation
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- All Problems In Life Are Small Compared To The Power Of Christ Who Has Conquered:
  - Death
  - Hell
  - The Grave
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- He Is Not Dead!!!
- He Is Not In The Grave!!!
- He Lives!!!