



He Is Risen!

So what?

**What difference does
it make?**

Does it solve anything?

What if...

“Without Jesus’ resurrection there is no good news in Christianity, Christianity is in its very essence a resurrection religion. The resurrection lies at its heart. If you remove it, Christianity is destroyed.”

John Stott

“For what I received I passed on to you as of **first importance**: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.”

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

Death of faith
Death of experience
Death of relationships
Death of expectations

“It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit. When he had said this, he breathed his last.”

Luke 23:44

**For every person's hardest
days, darkest nights of the
soul, profoundest regrets...
there's an Easter sunrise
breaking in!**

John 11

When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.” Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.”

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

John 11:4-7, 17-21

**Have you ever asked God
that question, “if you had
been here, _____?”**

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

John 11:23-26

**I am the Resurrection
and the Life.**

The implications?

They assure us that no pain is beyond healing, no loss is irredeemable, and no death is final. For in Jesus, we find not just life, but a new creation, a new reality, a new identity.

“It is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.” “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”



**Because He loved
you and I too much.**

Matthew 28

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

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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, “**Do not be afraid**, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. **He is not here; he has risen**, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 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.”

So the women hurried away from the tomb, **afraid** yet filled with **joy**, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “**Do not be afraid**. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Matthew 28:1-10

The resurrection is deeply personal and impacts ordinary lives with tremendous power.

**This was the day that
changed everything.**

**The resurrection means that
every fear we face is met
with the reality of Jesus'
victory.**



How does it change things?

In Christ, death has no hold.

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

**“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”**

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the **victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

How does it change things?

It is trustworthy.

**“I’ve come to settle the fact
that I love you so much to
not exclude ANYONE from
following me.”**

Why trustworthy?



“11 powerless men with no power or authority who faced death must have been telling the truth.”

Acts 4:33 “With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all.”

How does it change things?

POWER over sin.

Romans 6:8-11

“The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

1 Peter 1:3: “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

Revelation 21:4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’”





In a world brimming with hollow promises of fulfillment, know that true hope isn't found in the empty offerings of this age. It's found in the One who filled the emptiness of a borrowed tomb with the light of eternal life.



Jesus' victory over the grave is a victory over every force that binds you—sin, shame, and sorrow. In His death, He met us in our most profound need, and in His resurrection, He opened the way to new life.



How will it change you?