

Jesus is Alive

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Psalm 2; Matthew 28:5–10; Luke 9:22; Acts 4

He is Risen

He is risen indeed!

Resurrection from the dead story

Jesus was tried by the Romans at the insistence of the religious leaders. He was murdered like common criminal. But he told his disciples that he would come back from the dead. It was so well known romans posted guards.

On the first day of the week, Sunday, two of his disciples both names Mary went to his tomb.

There was a great earthquake. Then the angel of the Lord came from heaven came and rolled the stone away then sat on it.

Appearance like lightning clothes white as snow.

The guards shook in fear and fell out.

Matthew 28:5–10 (NASB95)

5The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified.

6"He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said.

Angel told them to look in the cave

He has gone to Galile – you will find him there.

8And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples.

9And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him.

10Then Jesus *said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me."

There is lots of debate about why Jesus had to die

Atonement theory / reconciliation

All agree the father raising from the dead

Jesus said that the sign

Luke 9:22 (NASB95)

22saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day."

This was the test of who Jesus was. There had been great teachers among the Jews, there had been Jews who were murdered by the Romans. There have been great warriors among the Jewish people. But Jesus alone claimed that he would be raised from the dead on the third day and that would prove That Jesus was who he said he was.

Jesus claimed the title son of man and son of God.

Came as man

Came as God

The resurrection of Jesus proves He is the Messiah.

The Christ. Special term in Jewish history / One anointed by God.

Last week we talked about the Triumphal Entry. We talked about how Jesus has the victory parade before the battle.

The death and resurrection of Jesus is how God wins the victory over the forces of evil.

When Jesus was crucified there was a sign over his head.

King of the Jews. Romans thought it was mockery but it was the truth.

This was the enthronement of Jesus. But nobody was expecting that. No matter how many times Jesus told them.

It's hard to see God when things are all going wrong.

For many this is a story, but it was their life.

They watched him being murdered. Jesus suffered trauma and so did all his followers

And when we face trauma in life we are given options because of God's will.

We can go the way of Trauma, Violence, Pain and death. Or Forgiveness, Peace, and healing, and life.

Let's go back

In the beginning darkness covered the earth Adam eve not understand sin death

On the cross again, as Jesus died darkness covered the earth again

But this time, the new Adam chose forgiveness and life.

One disciple was named Judas.

Betrayed Jesus and killed himself. What caused him to be so bitter?
Romans? Hard life?

I can relate to him on a certain level.

I grew up with no hope

Hate is easy. Hope takes work. Effort

Give up and live life defeated is easy. Waking up and grinding every day is hard.

Jesus had a hope that scared Judas. Eventually he decided it was all too good to be true.

30 pieces of silver. Money can't buy happiness.

He died before Jesus was resurrected. Wonder if he had waited a few days. Jesus would have forgiven him.

He chose Trauma, Violence, Pain and death

Jesus also chose death. But he was only going to pass through. He promised that on the third day His father would raise him from the dead.

But that death changed history.

We all have to pass through death eventually. Pain and anguish, your will be done. Jesus died in the Garden long before he went to the cross.

You might be in dark season. Death is at the door.

Because of the resurrection of Jesus, we who die with Him are raised with Him.

Amen

His death and resurrection Inaugurated God's Kingdom on earth like it is in heaven. But it took faith to see.

Trauma, Violence, Pain and death – tell you to disconnect from the hurt. Cut off the relationship, gossip, lie, divide. Act like it didn't happen while the grief festers in your spirit.

You can judge your spirituality but the lowest point of your emotional maturity.

Mary loved Jesus but she refused to cut him off even in death.

Mary begs the man she thought was a gardener. Tell me where you put his body.

And because of that she is the first to see the risen Jesus.

Because of the resurrection, we can find Jesus.

Easter asks for a hope we don't always feel.

Acts 4 We see the disciples gathered with fresh revelation.

They understood the psalms as the prayer book of the Bible. They had it embedded in their spirit. Holy Ghost brought it to memory.

After persecution they were gathered, praying the psalms when they realized that Jesus was the fulfillment of Psalm 2

Acts 4:24–26 (NASB95)

24And when they heard *this*, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, "O Lord, it is You who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them,

25who by the Holy Spirit, *through* the mouth of our father David Your servant, said,

'Why did the Gentiles rage,

And the peoples devise futile things?

26'The kings of the earth took their stand,

And the rulers were gathered together

Against the Lord and against His Christ.'

They get the revelation,

Acts 4:27–28 (NASB95)

27"For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,

28to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.

Herod and Pontious Pilot representing the Kings of Rome. Gathered against Jesus. The king of the Jews. The Jews were God's people so Jesus was the King of all people. All evil was gathered around Jesus to put Him on the cross. Jesus carried it to death and left it there.

Acts 4:29–30 (NASB95)

29"And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence,

30while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus."

The resurrection of Jesus means you can face whatever comes against you.

You don't have to choose Trauma, Violence, Pain and death

You have greater weapons.

Again Acts 4 they realized it in the midst of persecution. Judas didn't wait. Sometimes you gotta wait for Jesus.

They prayed for boldness to chose love and God answered their prayer with a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Because of the resurrection, you can be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 4:31 (NASB95)

31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

You will find your greatest breakthrough in your greatest trials. But you have to be brave.

The disciples were brave when they asked for boldness.

Mary was brave when she asked for the body of Jesus.

Jesus was brave when He told the Father, not my will, but yours.

Today, choose Forgiveness, Peace, and healing, and life.

Jesus laid down His life out of love for the world rather than using heavenly or political power to force the world to obey Him.

10 Then Jesus *said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me."

Today we have that same choice.

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Because of Jesus

4 The Lord bless you, and [a]keep you;

25 The Lord cause His face to shine on you,

And be gracious to you;

26 The Lord lift up His face to you,

And give you peace.'