

“RISEN” – Jesus Christ has Risen from the Dead

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Today is Resurrection Sunday. At this time of the year (on the Christian Calendar) we commemorate the death, burial & resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- On the Jewish Calendar this time of the year is called “Passover”
- In the world, this time of the year is called “Easter”

For the last 2000 years, the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been preached around the world, proclaiming the Good News of His sacrificial death, His burial and His glorious resurrection.

Mark 16:1-2, 4–7 (NLT) *Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus’ body. 2 **Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ... 4** But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside. 5 When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, 6 but the angel said, “Don’t be alarmed. **You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead!** Look, this is where they laid his body. 7 **Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died.**”*

- The last few chapters of the four gospels recount the last few days of the earthly life of Jesus Christ
- The countdown towards His death began with His triumphant entry into Jerusalem
- It ended with His gruesome death on the Cross of Calvary
- His last days were filled with betrayal, abandonment, court appearances, beatings and abuse, and finally being nailed to the cross

- Early on Sunday morning, three women went to the tomb with burial spices to embalm His body
- They encountered an empty tomb, and an angel who told them that Christ had risen from the dead
- In verse 7, the angel said: *Now go and tell ...*
- Amazingly, three women were the first human beings to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, specifically, His resurrection from the dead

Romans 1:3–5 (LB) It is the Good News about his (God's) Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who came as a human baby, born into King David's royal family line; **4** and **by being raised from the dead he was proved to be the mighty Son of God**, with the holy nature of God himself. **5** And now, through Christ, all the kindness of God has been poured out upon us undeserving sinners; and now he is sending us out around the world to **tell all people everywhere the great things God has done for them, so that they, too, will believe and obey him.**

- The resurrection of Jesus Christ was proof that He is the Son of God!
- All human beings will die (except the raptured saints)
- But only one Human Being chose to die & be raised from the dead again

John 10:17–18 (ESV) *For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.*

Jesus tells us that He wasn't the victim of some earthly evil plot, but that He submitted to His Father's plan of salvation for human beings, and laid down His life voluntarily.

Three days later, after He had laid down His life, He took it up again.

1 Corinthians 15:17 (NKJV) *And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!*

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is absolutely fundamental to the Christian faith, and to the salvation of each individual.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS' DEATH, AND HIS RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD

There are three absolute fundamental reasons why Jesus died on the cross:

1. Jesus bore the **sins** of mankind, and paid the penalty for our wrongdoings
2. Jesus carried our **sicknesses** and bore our **pains**
3. Jesus became poor that through His **poverty** we might be made rich

Isaiah chapter 53 is sometimes called the 5th Gospel.

- The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John describe what they saw with their natural eyes.

- These gospels are an eyewitness account of what took place
- The Isaiah 53 describes what prophet Isaiah saw in the realm of the Spirit

A. Jesus bore the sins of mankind, and paid the penalty for our wrongdoings

Isaiah 53:5 (NLT) *But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins...*

Isaiah 53:12 (NKJV) ... *He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*

Hebrews 2:9 (NKJV) *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.*

Our heavenly father is now able to forgive our sins, because Jesus Christ bore our sins sacrificially, and went to hell on our behalf.

B. Jesus carried our sicknesses and bore our pains

Isaiah 53:4 (CSB) *Yet he himself bore our sicknesses, and he carried our pains; but we in turn regarded him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.*

Matthew 8:16–17 (NKJV) *When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.”*

Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV) *But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.*

Healing is available for every sick person today because Jesus Christ has borne our sicknesses and pains sacrificially.

C. Jesus became poor that through His poverty we might be made rich

Isaiah 53:5 (AMP) ... *the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him ...*

Peace – Heb. Shalom – peace, welfare, success, prosperity

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NKJV) *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet **for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.***

Prosperity is available today for us because Jesus carried our poverty sacrificially.

Romans 14:9 (NCV) *The reason **Christ died and rose from the dead to live again was so He would be Lord over both the dead and the living.***

Is Jesus Christ your Lord yet?

Have you received Him as your personal Lord and Saviour.

If not, pray this prayer, our aloud:

Salvation Prayer:

“Heavenly Father, I thank You that You sent Your Son Jesus Christ into the world to save me. I recognise that I have broken Your commandments, and that I cannot save myself by my own good deeds. Lord Jesus, I thank You that You took the punishment for my sins by dying on the cross. I believe you rose from the dead, and I make a decision now to surrender my whole life to You. I receive You as my personal Lord and Saviour. I thank You that I am now forgiven, and that I am born again. Please lead me and guide me and show me Your plan for my life. Help me to be strong so that I can live according to Your purpose and Your rules for my life. In Jesus’ Name, amen. “