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Easter Sunday

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New Creation Lived Out

A Resurrection That Changes Everything

“He Is Risen”

“He is risen!” isn’t just tradition

- it’s a powerful statement of conviction:

Jesus truly rose from the dead.

The Resurrection as the Foundation:

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1 Corinthians 15:17-19

According to Paul, if Christ is not raised, our faith is useless. But because He has risen, everything changes - our purpose, hope, and future.

Baptism as a Living Picture:

Represents dying to the old life and rising anew in Christ

- a reflection of resurrection power.

Why Believe? Two Key Reasons:

The Role of Women in the Story:

- Women were the first witnesses of the resurrection.

- In a patriarchal culture where women weren’t seen as credible witnesses, this detail would not have been fabricated - unless it truly happened.
- Jesus consistently elevated and honored women, breaking cultural norms in a redemptive way.

The Disciples’ Martyrdom:

- All the apostles (except John) were brutally killed for proclaiming the resurrection.

We couldn’t keep the Watergate cover-up together for three weeks... You don’t die for a lie. Charles Colson

What the Resurrection Means:

Jesus is exactly who He claimed to be
- God in the flesh.

It validates the truth of Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation.

Sin and evil were defeated at the cross.

Evil is still present, but its defeat is certain
- the enemy’s time is limited.

Living in the “Now and Not Yet”:

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:12

We engage in spiritual warfare

We live in a world of brokenness, but the resurrection promises restoration and renewal.

Hope is alive - the story isn’t over.

Our Mission and Response:

Join Jesus in building His Kingdom
- bringing truth, justice, healing, and salvation.

The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free

Luke 4:18

Live out Luke 4:18
- proclaiming freedom and good news.

This is not just a belief
- it's a lived experience.

Be transformed: strengthened in faith, rooted in
Scripture, empowered by the Spirit.

Final Word:

The cross wasn't a tragic ending
- it was a victorious beginning.

The best is yet to come!



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