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The Tomb Is Empty And Death Has Been Defeated!



“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again’” (Luke 24:5b-7.)

Dear Chosen One:

For over two-thousand years many skeptics have come up with their own version about the **Resurrection of Jesus Christ**. Some people say Jesus is still dead and His body is in the grave. Others believe that His body was stolen. Some say, there was no resurrection and some people even claim that Jesus never truly died.

Here is the TRUTH. The death of Jesus Christ took place over thousands of years ago on a Cross. The place of crucifixion was called “**Golgotha**”, which means (the place of a Skull) (Matthew 27:33.)

The truth about Jesus’ resurrection remains the same forever, **JESUS IS ALIVE! HE HAS RISEN!** No other religions have claimed that their leader or god has been raised from the dead or is still alive. Only Christians can make this great public statement about their God, Savior, Messiah, King, Redeemer, and Shepherd. The Bible records in John 20:6-7, the story about the “Empty Tomb.” When Simon Peter went into the tomb: “**He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus’ head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.**”

This tells me that Jesus took off His grave clothes and then took the time to unwrap His face and set the cloth aside. Jesus left those grave clothes behind, covered up His glorious body and went about to display what God had done by showing Himself to many people. Mary Magdalene was the first person (woman) to see Jesus alive, but she did not recognize Him. It was after He spoke to her, she acknowledges Him and said, in Hebrew “**Rabboni!**” (meaning Teacher) (John 20:16). Then, Jesus told her “**Go instead to my brothers, and tell them “I am returning to my Father and to your Father, and to my God and your God.”**” (vs.-17.) She went and spread the “Good News” to the other disciples.

We have evidence not only that Jesus is ALIVE, but after His resurrection many people saw Him, and He spoke with them. **Can a dead man speak? NO!** Yet many people are still in denial about Jesus’ resurrection.

The Bible says, Jesus appeared to His disciples as they were together with the door locked because they feared the Jews. He greeted them with these words “**Peace be with you!**” Since Jesus’ resurrection the church has been preaching this “Good News.” The Apostle Paul told the Corinthian church these reinforcing words, “**But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is our faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that He raised Christ from the dead...And if Christ has not been raised, our faith is futile; you are still in your sins.**”

(1 Corinthians 15:12-17)

As ‘Born-again Believers, God’s promises give us *Living Hope* and the truth about Jesus’ resurrection gives us something better to look forward to. The Bible says, “**In His great mercy He [God] gave us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last [days]**” (1 Peter 1:3-5)

“**He will wipe every tear from [our] eyes. There will be no more death, or mourning, or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.**” (Revelation 21:4.)

We also have many promises here on earth to look forward to. For example, we know that God hears the desires of the afflicted, encourages them and listens to their cry. [Psalm 10:17] The Bible says, “**Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**” (Romans 10:13) When the church comes together in worship, He inhabits our praise. Because Jesus is alive, we know that the sick will be healed, broken hearts will be mended, prisoners will be liberated, and

many miracles will continue to take place because Jesus is ALIVE!

There is POWER and VICTORY in the name of Jesus; demons must flee when we call on His name. Blind eyes are opened when we mention His name. The Bible says He got up with all power in His Hands.

He is loving, faithful, and trustworthy. Isaiah 42:13 says, “**The Lord will march out like a mighty man, like a warrior he will stir up his zeal...**” I could go on, but the truth has been attested because a dead God cannot do these things. Only the God who defeated death and rose victoriously from the grave could, do these things and His name is JESUS. Do not be afraid you can call or shout His name out at any time. The Bible tells us Jesus called us ‘friend’ (John 15:14.)

Today, Christians celebrate Jesus’ life, because death has been defeated and the grave had NO POWER to hold Jesus and it has no power to hold us. Death was the last enemy Jesus defeated and then God put all things under Jesus’ feet. (1 Corinthians 15:25-27.) Because Christ has risen, we are confident that we too will be resurrected to spend eternity with our Savior.

The Bible says, “**So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.**” (1 Corinthians 15:42-44) Yes, this is a sure promise that after we die, we too will be resurrected with a spiritual body.

However, this promise is only for those individuals who believe God raised Jesus from the dead and received God’s gift –Salvation.

Romans 10:9-10 says, “**That if you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.**”

As Believers we do not have to wait until we die to experience **God’s Resurrection Power**. Every day, through the power of the Holy Spirit God keeps resurrecting many of us from our pasts, (old ways of living), but some of us still want to walk around wearing grave clothes. You and I need to disconnect ourselves from those dead things and people who want to keep us in the grave.

Jesus resurrected Lazarus by calling him from amongst the dead and then he told the onlookers to “take off the grave clothes and let him go.” (John 11: 43-44.) If this was not a public display some individuals would have kept Lazarus’ resurrection as a secret. But there was a group of believers who were willing to tell others about God’s resurrection power.

Today there are still many Christians who are willing to show and tell others what the Lord has done for them. Are you one of them? Jesus’ resurrection was real, and you and I have the privilege to live a purposeful and meaningful life. Jesus died to liberate us from our past, present, and future sins and there is no need to keep this **truth** to ourselves.

Jesus told us to go into the world and preach the Gospel and make disciples of others. If you are one of those individuals who is skeptical about Jesus’ resurrection, ask yourself why would Jesus’ disciples risk their lives and die for someone whom they never saw rise from death? And why would millions of people continue to follow a dead God who is still in the

grave and who cannot offer them any future hope? The Bible is the oldest Book, and its TRUTH has never changed. You don’t have to figure it out, all you have to do is accept the TRUTH and BELIEVE in faith what God has done.

Many people witness Jesus’ death, and many saw him after He was resurrected. I will leave you to ponder on these words. “**...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. Therefore, my dear brothers, [sisters] stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.**” (1 Corinthians 15:54b-58)

Bible Quotations to help you!

If you are worrying about your health:

“**But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord, because you are called an outcast.**” (Jeremiah 30:17a)

In need of protection:

“**God is [your] refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**” (Psalm 46:1)

Discouraged:

“**Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.**” (Joshua 1:9) AMEN!

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