

Happy EASTER

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1 Corinthians 15:3-4(NIV)

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that **he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,**

Matthew 28:1-6(NIV)

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 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. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. 5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

6 **He is not here; he has risen,** just as he said...

1 Corinthians 15:12-17(NIV)

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? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 15 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. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

1. Jesus Proved He Was Alive

Jesus didn't just appear once—He showed Himself again & again:

- To Mary Magdalene - John 20:11–18
- To the disciples in the upper room - John 20
- To Thomas - John 20:26–29
- To two on the road to Emmaus - Luke 24:13–35
- To over 500 people at once - 1 Corinthians 15:6

The empty grave verifies Christ's claims & it validates my faith

2. He Opened Their Understanding

Luke 24:40-47(NIV)

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. 41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence. 44 He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

45 *Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.* 46 He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

The same way Jesus made himself clear to the 2 on the road he wants to make himself clear to you today

3. He Commissioned His Followers

Matthew 28:19-20(NIV)

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**The mission shifts now from
“come and see”
to
“go and tell”**

4. He Promised the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:4-5(NIV)

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days *you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.*”

**You can't talk the talk
You can't walk the walk
You can't make disciples
WITHOUT THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

5. He Ascended into Heaven

Acts 1:9-11(NIV)

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? *This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.*”

**Have you received the pardon the cross offers?
Are you ready to welcome him?**