

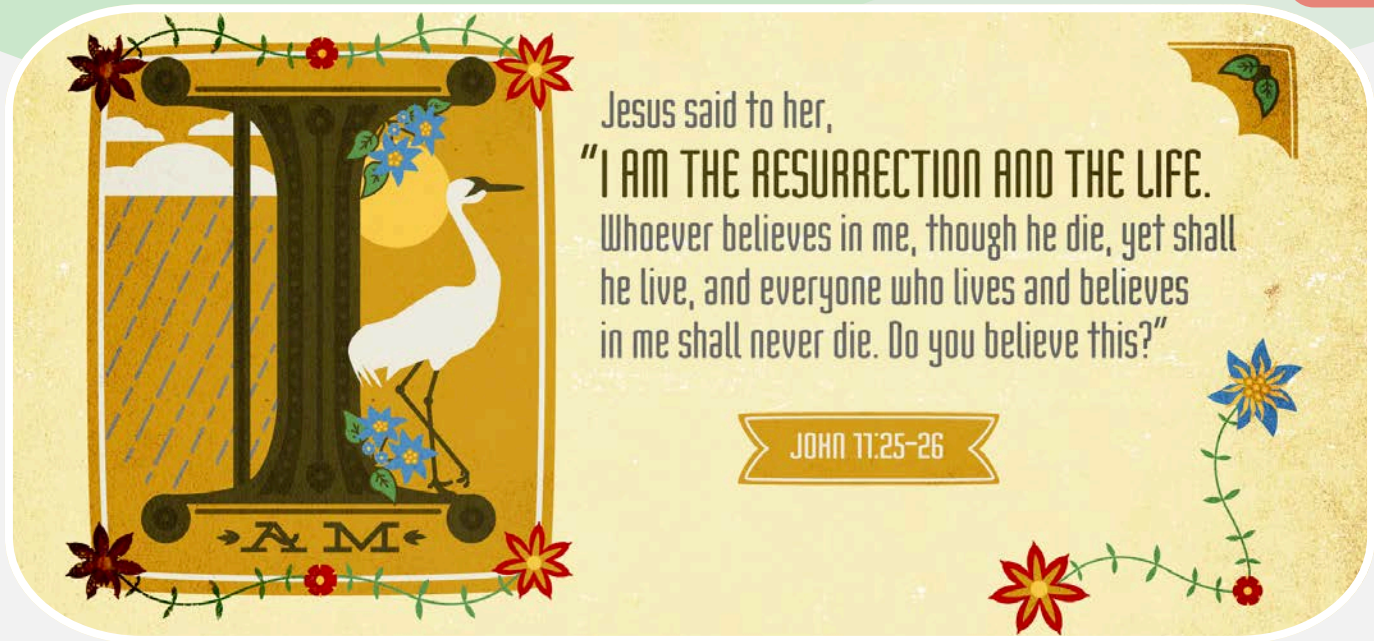


7 REASONS EASTER CHANGES EVERYTHING!



HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION

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**Jesus' resurrection means death doesn't have the final word.
Whatever challenges you face, his victory is your hope.**

In the face of life's uncertainties and the inevitability of death, Jesus offers us a profound promise: He is the resurrection and the life. This declaration was made to Martha in the midst of her grief over the death of her brother Lazarus. Jesus' words were not just a comfort for her immediate sorrow but a revelation of a greater truth that transcends time and circumstance.

The resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith. It assures us that death does not have the final word. Because Jesus conquered the grave, we have the hope of eternal life. This hope is not just for the future but impacts how we live today. It gives us courage to face challenges, knowing that our ultimate victory is secured in Christ.

When Jesus asks, "Do you believe this?" He invites us to place our trust in him, not only for eternal life but for every moment of our lives. Believing in Jesus as the resurrection and the life means living with the assurance that no matter what trials we encounter, his victory is our hope.

Reflection

- How does the promise of the resurrection impact your perspective on life's challenges?
- In what ways can you live out the hope of the resurrection in your daily life?
- How can you share the hope of the resurrection with others who may be struggling?

As you meditate on these questions, remember that Jesus' victory over death is your hope and strength. Let this truth guide you through every challenge, knowing that in him, you have eternal life.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the hope we have in the resurrection of Jesus. Help us to live each day with the assurance that death does not have the final word. Strengthen our faith to trust in your promises and to find peace in the victory of Christ. May our lives reflect the hope we have in you, bringing glory to your name. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

And the peace of God,
WHICH TRANSCENDS ALL
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YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR
MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.

PHILIPPIANS 4:7

Because Jesus lives, we can trust him even in life's storms.

Life is full of storms—unexpected challenges, uncertainties, and trials that can leave us feeling anxious and overwhelmed. Yet, in the midst of these storms, we have a profound promise from God: his peace, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds.

This peace is not dependent on our circumstances but is rooted in the presence of Christ in our lives. Because Jesus lives, he is powerfully present even when the path ahead is unclear. His resurrection assures us that he has overcome the world, and his power and victory give us peace.

This peace acts as a guard, protecting us from the fears and anxieties that seek to unsettle us. It is a peace that defies logic, offering calm in the chaos and hope in the uncertainty.

Reflection

- What storms are you currently facing?
- How does knowing that Jesus lives change your perspective on uncertainty?
- In what ways can you share the peace of God with others who are experiencing turmoil?

As you reflect on these questions, remember that the peace of God is available to you through Christ. Let his peace guard your heart and mind, providing you with strength and assurance in every situation.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the peace that surpasses all understanding. Help us to trust in Jesus, especially in the storms of life. May your peace guard our hearts and minds, keeping us anchored in your love and promises. Teach us to rely on you, knowing that because Jesus lives, we can face each day with confidence and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



Christ's resurrection gives our daily tasks eternal significance.

The mundane often feels meaningless. Whether it's schoolwork, chores, or our jobs, it can be easy to lose sight of the significance of our tasks. However, Christ's resurrection transforms our perspective, infusing our everyday activities with eternal significance. How so?

Paul's words in Colossians remind us that whatever we do, we are to work at it with all our heart, as if serving the Lord. This mindset shifts our focus from merely fulfilling obligations to honoring God through our efforts. Every task, no matter how small, becomes an opportunity to serve Christ and reflect his love and excellence.

What does this have to do with Easter, you ask? His service and his honor not only matter because he is the living God, they matter the most! Truly defined, life is lived paradoxically, where the most glorious life we could ask for is found in service to God. We find ourselves in him, when we give ourselves away.

The resurrection of Jesus assures us that our labor is not in vain. It promises an inheritance from the Lord, a reward that far surpasses any earthly recognition. This eternal perspective gives purpose to our daily endeavors, motivating us to approach each day with enthusiasm and dedication.

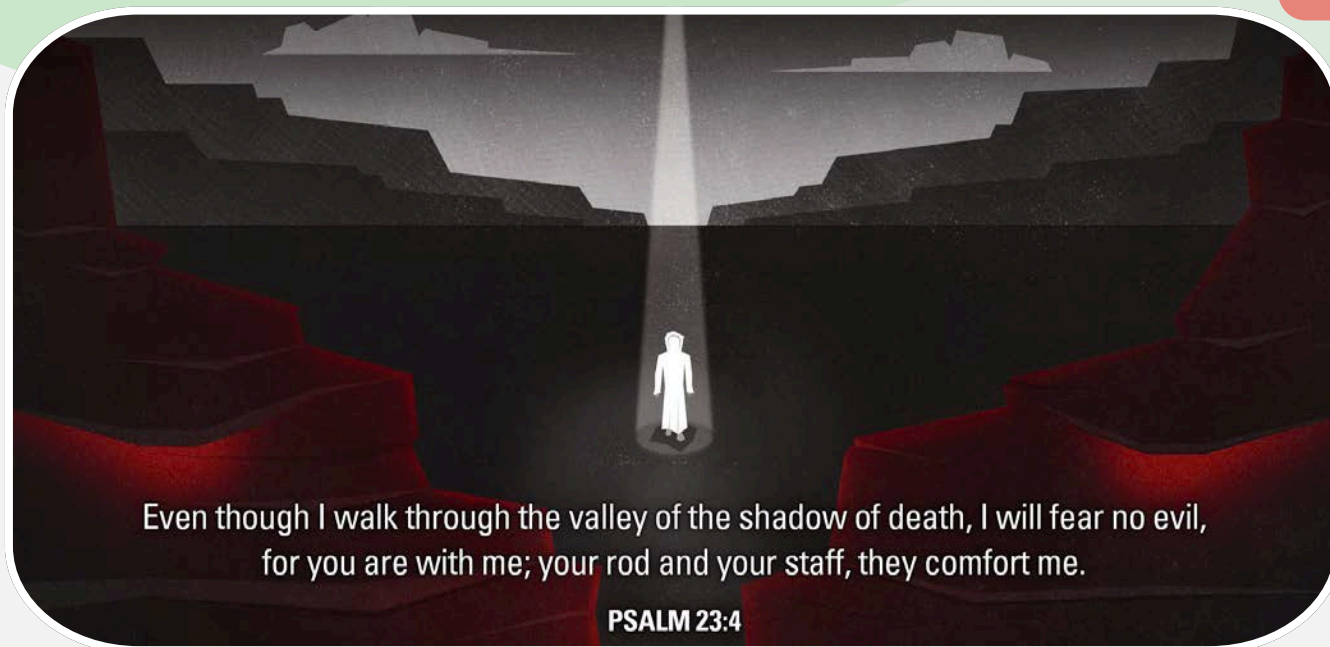
Reflection

- How can you approach your daily tasks with the mindset of serving the Lord?
- Whom can you encourage to find purpose in their everyday activities?

As you reflect on these questions, remember that Christ's resurrection gives eternal significance to all you do. Let this truth inspire you to live each day with purpose, knowing that your work is ultimately for the Lord.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving purpose to our daily tasks through the resurrection of Christ. Help us to work with all our heart, knowing that we are serving you in everything we do. May our efforts bring glory to your name and reflect the hope we have in you. Teach us to see the eternal significance in our everyday activities and to approach each day with joy and purpose. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



Fear loses its power when we remember that Jesus walks with us.

Fear is a powerful emotion that can paralyze us, cloud our judgment, and steal our peace. Whether it's fear of the unknown, fear of failure, or fear of the future, it can feel overwhelming. Yet, as believers, we have a profound assurance: Jesus walks with us.

Psalms 23:4 beautifully captures this assurance. The psalmist declares that even in the darkest valley, there is no need to fear evil because God is present. His rod and staff, symbols of guidance and protection, bring comfort and peace. This imagery reminds us that we are not alone in our struggles; the Good Shepherd is by our side, leading and safeguarding us.

When we remember that Jesus walks with us, fear loses its power. His presence brings light into our darkness and strength into our weakness. We can face our fears with confidence, knowing that the One who has overcome the world is with us every step of the way.

There's only one way your scary story ends - with an empty tomb.

Reflection

- What fears have you given power in your life?
- Write a short list of Easter realities in Jesus that have power over fear?

As you reflect on these questions, remember that fear loses its power when we walk with Jesus. Let his faithful presence be your comfort and strength, guiding you through every challenge with unwavering faith. You know where he will finally bring you.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the assurance that Jesus walks with us, dispelling our fears. Help us to trust in your presence and strength, knowing that we are never alone. May your peace fill our hearts and give us the courage to face each day with confidence. Teach us to rely on you, allowing your love to cast out all fear. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



Because he first loved us, we can love others generously.

The ability to love others generously stems from a profound truth: God loved us first. His love is the foundation and source of our capacity to love. God demonstrated the depth of his love through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Understanding that we are recipients of such a great love transforms how we interact with others. It compels us to love not out of obligation, but out of gratitude and overflow. When we grasp the magnitude of God's love for us, God works that love in us that we may extend that love to those around us, even when it is challenging.

Loving generously means going beyond what is comfortable or convenient. It means showing kindness, patience, and forgiveness, reflecting the love we have received from God. It is a love that seeks the best for others, putting their needs before our own. Each of these descriptions reflects the love of God for you! It's like living out a script given to you from the Author of Life, with each part expressing his love.

As we love others, we become conduits of God's love in the world. Our actions and attitudes can point others to the source of true love, inviting them to experience the transformative power of God's love for themselves.

Reflection

- How can you be intentional about reflecting God's love in your daily interactions?

As you reflect on these questions, remember that your ability to love generously comes from the love you have received from God. Let his love fill your heart and overflow into the lives of those around you, making a lasting impact for his glory.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving us first and showing us what true love looks like. Help us to love others generously, reflecting your love in our words and actions. Teach us to see others through your eyes and to serve them with a heart full of compassion and grace. May our love be a testament to your love, drawing others closer to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

I HAVE SPOKEN THESE THINGS TO YOU,
THAT MY JOY
MAY REMAIN IN YOU, AND THAT
YOUR JOY
MAY BE MADE FULL.
JOHN 15:11

Easter joy isn't dependent on circumstances—it comes from knowing Jesus lives.

Easter is a time of profound joy, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This joy, however, is not confined to a single day or dependent on our circumstances. It is a deep, abiding joy that comes from the assurance that Jesus lives.

The resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith, providing hope and joy that transcend any situation we face. Because He lives, we have the promise of eternal life, the assurance of His presence, and the confidence that He is working all things for our good.

This Easter joy is not diminished by trials or hardships. In fact, it often shines brightest in the darkest times, reminding us that our hope is not in the fleeting things of this world but in the eternal victory of Christ. It is a joy that cannot be taken away, for it is rooted in the unchanging truth of the risen Savior.

As we navigate the ups and downs of life, we can hold onto this Easter joy, allowing it to sustain us and give us strength. It is a joy that empowers us to face each day with hope, knowing that no matter what happens, Jesus lives and reigns.

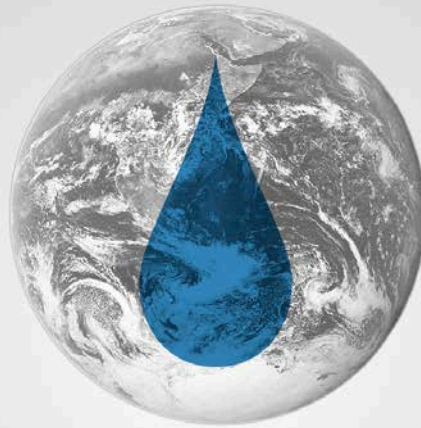
Reflection

- How does the resurrection of Jesus bring you joy, regardless of your current circumstances?
- In what ways can you share the joy of Easter with those around you?

As you reflect on these questions, remember that Easter joy is a gift that comes from knowing Jesus lives. Let this joy fill your heart and overflow into your life, bringing hope and encouragement to you and those around you.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the joy of Easter that comes from knowing Jesus lives. Help us to hold onto this joy in every circumstance, trusting in your promises and finding strength in your presence. May our lives be a reflection of the hope and joy we have in Christ, drawing others to the truth of the resurrection. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

MATTHEW 28:19

**The good news of Easter isn't just for us—
it's for everyone we know.**

Easter is a celebration of the greatest news the world has ever received: Jesus Christ is risen! His victory over sin and death is not just a personal triumph but a message of hope and salvation for all people. The good news of Easter is meant to be shared, reaching every corner of the earth and every heart in need of redemption.

Think of Easter's reach. Jesus' command to share hope with all nations implies a reach and dimension that encompasses all people. Jesus did not come for some. He came for all. He died to benefit everyone you know with his rescue from sin, and everyone you don't know. He came to change every heart, every life, every grave.

It's hard to think of any mission on earth with such a scope and reach. Jesus includes everyone in his. Let them know!

Reflection

- Who in your life needs to hear the good news of Easter, and how can you share it with them?
- How does knowing that Jesus is with you always encourage you in sharing the gospel?

As you reflect on these questions, remember that the good news of Easter is a gift meant to be shared. Let the joy of the resurrection inspire you to reach out to others, bringing the hope and love of Christ to a world in need.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the good news of Easter and the hope it brings to all people. Help us to be faithful in sharing this message with those around us, reflecting your love and grace in our words and actions. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



***"He redeems your life from
the pit and crowns you with
love and compassion, who
satisfies your desires with
good things so that your youth
is renewed like the eagle's."***

Psalm 103:4-5



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