

“He Is Risen”

“*He is not here*” for *He is risen, as He said*” (Matt. 28:6)

These glorious words, spoken by an angel, brought fear and great joy to those who heard them. The previous weeks must have been a blur of activity to them—they had seen their Messiah, the Lord Jesus, raise Lazarus from the dead, enter triumphantly into Jerusalem as their King, and then be betrayed, arrested, beaten, and hung on a cross between two criminals. They thought He was the One who would deliver them from their enemies and lead them into His kingdom. Now, early in the morning, they had gone to see His tomb.

The news that He was alive should not have surprised them. Many times had had foretold His crucifixion and resurrection. In fact, time after time, He told them that He would go to Jerusalem, die, and *rise again*. The importance of His resurrection is as great as that of His death. Jesus “*was delivered [into death] for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification*” (Rom.4:25). Through His death the penalty was paid for sin and God can now righteously forgive our sins (the sins of those who repent and believe by faith). through His resurrection we are given a living hope, the proof that His promises are true (see 1 Peter 1:3-5). Without a living Saviour, there is no hope. “*If Christ be not raised, your faith is in vain*” (1 Cor.15:17). Jesus Christ lives! He Lives! “*I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death*” (Rev.1:18).

Because of His resurrection, Jesus lives as the hope and glory of the believer, and as the Judge of the unbeliever. Have you come in faith to Jesus who died for you,

repenting of your sins, and claiming His gift of eternal life to those who believe? “*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord*” (Rom.6:23).

If you have not, come to Him right now. Coming to Jesus means believing that He alone is able and willing to be your personal Saviour and Lord: “*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved*” (Acts 16:31). “*If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hat raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved*” (Rom.10:9).

If you have trusted the living Saviour, consider this: “*He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again*” (2 Cor.5:15). he has died for you and risen again to raise you from spiritual death to spiritual life. “*If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth, For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in god*” (Colossians 3:1-3).

Read His (God’s) Living Word, the Bible. See what great things the Living Lord Jesus Christ has done for you!

Jesus said, “*I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?*” (John 11:25, 26).