



NOW ***THAT...***



How was Lent?
How was Easter?

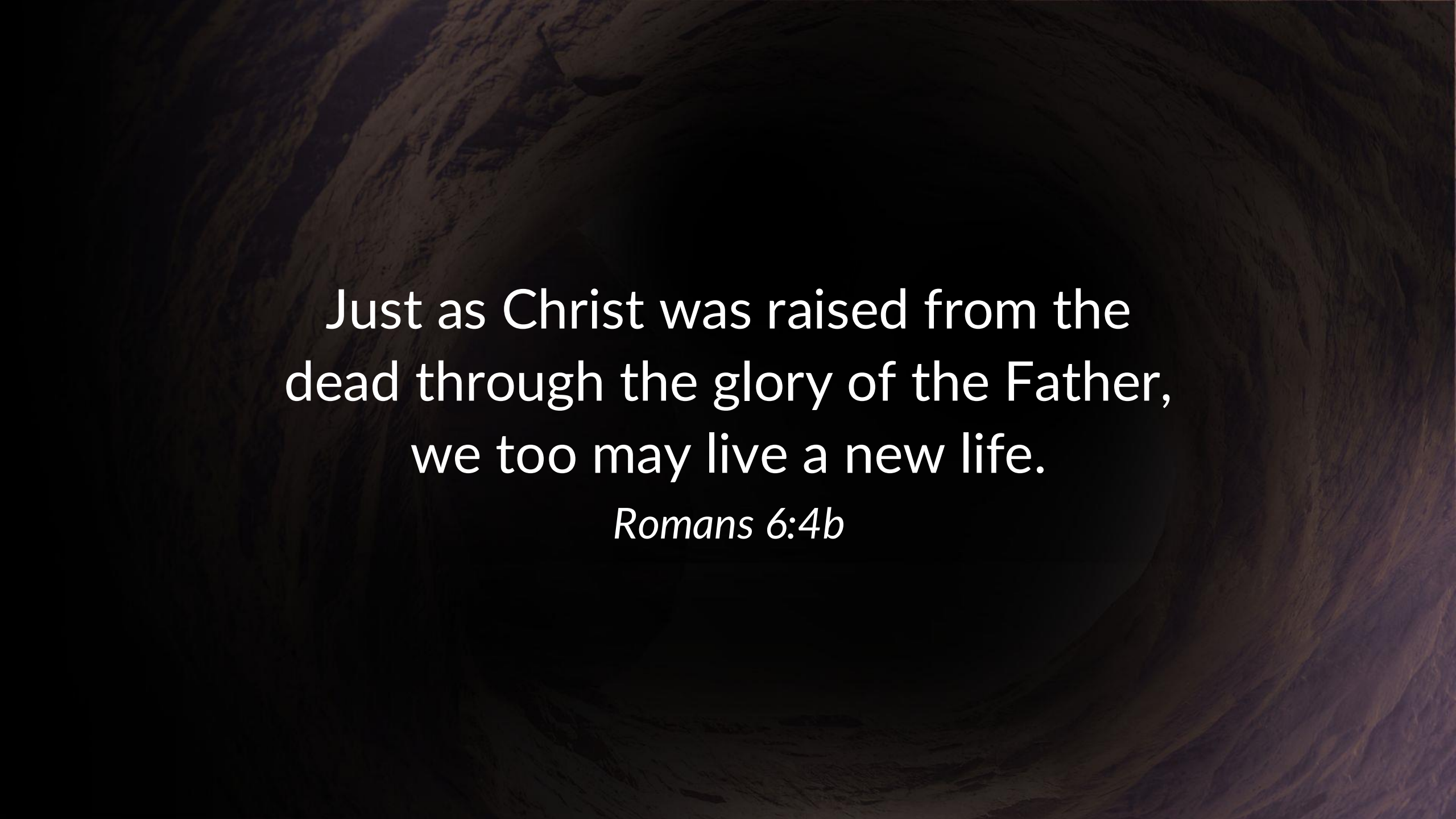


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A photograph of a cave entrance, split vertically. The left side is dark and shadowed, while the right side is bright and open to a clear sky. The rock walls are textured and layered.

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You Have Been Raised



Just as Christ was raised from the
dead through the glory of the Father,
we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:4b

5:20 The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

6:1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Two things for this series:

1. We will practice living in the tension (“radical middle”)
2. We expect Jesus to say “now, that!”

How would my life look different if I leaned into the truth of the resurrection a little bit more. How would VCC look different if we leaned in together?

Invitation

- Memorize Romans 6:4b:

Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

- As genuinely as you can, tell Jesus this week you are ready to hear his “now that” for you