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“PROOF” EASTER MESSAGE

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1 Corinthians 15:13-17

¹³ For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. ¹⁵ And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. ¹⁶ And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless, and you are still guilty of your sins.

Here are three claims of evidence:

1. THE EMPTY TOMB

2. MULTIPLE WITNESSES

Acts 1:3

During the forty days after his crucifixion, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴ He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.

3. CHANGED LIVES

John 20:19-20

That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said.²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord!

In considering the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, thinking men and women will take the time to sort through all the available information and sort through this question: What does this all mean to me?

1. First of all, how do you explain away the empty tomb?
2. Second, how do you argue against multiple witnesses?
3. Third, how do you get away from the fact that the Resurrected Christ changes lives?

THREE QUESTIONS:

1. Is Jesus just a religious person in history to you?
2. Is Jesus someone you accept or reject?
3. Is Jesus your Lord (Master)? HOPE today

Dear Lord,

I admit that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness. I have done many things that are displeasing and shameful. I have lived my life for myself. I am sorry for living for myself and I repent. Forgive me. I believe that You died on the cross for me. You did what I could not do for myself. I come to You now and ask you to take control of my life; I give my life to You today. I can love You today because you first loved me. I eagerly submit to your authority so please be the Lord (Master) of my life. Thank You that I will spend all eternity with You in heaven because of your death, your burial, your resurrected life. Seal my decision today with your love, your peace, your assurance. AMEN.