

HOW EASTER GOT US BACK TO NORMAL!

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“What we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will give us later. For all creation is waiting patiently and hopefully for that future day when God will resurrect his children. For on that day thorns and thistles, sin, death, and decay—the things that overcame the world against its will at God’s command—will all disappear, and the world around us will share in the glorious freedom from sin which God’s children enjoy. For we know that even the things of nature, like animals and plants, suffer in sickness and death as they await this great event.”
(Romans 8:18–22, The Living Bible)

WHAT CAUSED THE MESS?

“Sin came into the world through one person, and death came through sin. Death spread to everyone, because everyone sinned.” (Romans 5:12, GW)

HOW JESUS’ PASSION SOLVED OUR PROBLEM

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| Adam & Eve rebelled (Genesis 3:6). | Jesus submitted (Matthew 26:39). |
| Adam & Eve shifted the blame (Genesis 3:12-13). | Jesus took responsibility (Isaiah 53:5; Romans 3:23-25) |
| Adam & Eve were banished from God’s presence (Genesis 3:23). | Jesus cleared the pathway back to God (Matthew 27:51; John 14:6) |
| Adam & Eve ended in death (Genesis 5:5). | Jesus defeated death and offers eternal LIFE (1 Corinthians 15:55-57; John 11:25) |

HOW TO GET “BACK TO NORMAL” WITH GOD

1. Acknowledge your **CONDITION** while there’s still time.

“Do you think those Galileans were worse sinners than all the other people from Galilee?” Jesus asked. “Is that why they suffered? Not at all! And you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God.” (Luke 13:2–3, NLT)

2. Receive the only **CURE**.

“As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:14–16, NLT/NIV)

3. Become a **SUPER-SPREADER!**

I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.” (1 Corinthians 9:23, NLT)

“Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.” (Acts 2:41, NLT)

ACTION STEP
FIRST BASE!