

WHAT JUST HAPPENED!?

EASTER at Oak Ridge

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GETTING THE GIST OF THE EASTER PLOT TWIST

1. HIS LOVE CAME TO LIFE.

"...Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know." (Acts 2:22, NIV)

"In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God...So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son." (John 1:1,14, NLT)

"Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." (John 14:6, NLT)

Who is Jesus?

1. LIAR?
2. LUNATIC?
3. LORD!

2. HIS DEATH WAS DELIBERATE.

"This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross." (Acts 2:23, NIV)

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and this bread, which I will offer so the world may live, is my flesh." (John 6:51, NLT)

"Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all." (Isaiah 53:4-6, NLT) circa 700 B.C.

"Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life..." (1 Peter 3:18, NLT)

3. HIS TRIUMPH IS TRANSFORMATIVE.

“God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this...So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!” (Acts 2:32,36 NLT)

“Just think how much more surely the blood of Christ will transform our lives and hearts. His sacrifice frees us from the worry of having to obey the old rules and makes us want to serve the living God...Christ willingly gave himself to God to die for our sins—he being perfect, without a single sin or fault.” (Hebrews 9:14, The Living Bible)

4. HIS OFFER STILL STANDS.

“Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:37–38, NLT)

Repent: REJECT your old life.
Turn to God: RECEIVE His new life.
Be baptized: RECORD your new love.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us NEW BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Peter 1:3, NIV)

ACTIONS

SPIRITUAL SURVEY “A.B.C.” / BAPTISM / CLASS 101