

# HAPPY EASTER 2021

**Matthew 27:50 (NIV)** “And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.”

**Matthew 27:51<sub>a</sub> (NIV)** “At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.”

**Matthew 27:51<sub>b</sub>-52<sub>a</sub> (NIV)** “The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open.”

**Matthew 27:52<sub>b</sub>-53 (NIV)** “The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. <sup>53</sup>They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.”

**Matthew 28:1-3 (NIV)** “After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. <sup>2</sup>There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.”

**Matthew 28:5-6<sub>a</sub> (NIV)** “The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.’”

## Easter means you can live with hope because ...

**1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)** “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. Your sins are forgiven.

**Romans 4:24<sub>b</sub>-25 (NLT)** “God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup>He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.”

**Acts 2:38<sub>a</sub> (NIV)** “Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.’”

### 2. You can know God more and more.

**Philippians 3:10 (NLT)** “I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death ...”

### 3. You have a Christian family to help you grow.

**Acts 2:42 (NIV)** “They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

**Acts 2:37 (NIV)** “When the people heard [about the death and resurrection of Jesus], they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’”

**The prodigal is welcomed home  
The sinner now a saint  
For the God who died came back to life  
And everything is changed**