

**RISING Into NEWNESS**  
**First Christian Church—Easter, April 1, 2018**  
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**Where were *you*, God?**

**Not even a resurrection miracle can change a heart that does not want to believe.**

Jesus talked of a new kind of glory/a new way of becoming king:

- Glory in Death-John 12:23-24; 32-33
- Crown of Thorns- Mark 15:16-20
- Crucified King of the Jews- John 19:16-19

**God's Story—The Rising, John 20**

*This was the focal point of God's master plan to make all people and all things—new!*

**The Story of the New Thing God has been up to:**

- The prophecy, Isaiah 42:1-9
- A new teaching, Mark 1:21-28
- A new command, John 13:34
- A new covenant, Luke 22:20; Jeremiah 31:31-34
- A new life, Acts 5:18-20; Romans 6:4
- A new creation, 2 Corinthians 5:17
- A new self, Ephesians 4:17-24
- A new heaven and new earth, 2 Peter 3:13

**We have the opportunity for a new life because of the resurrection of Jesus.**  
**Jesus overcame death and lives! He alone has the power to change us and make us new!**  
**By the power of the Risen One, we can all rise into newness!**  
*Do you believe this?*

- Revelation 21:1-5

**Right On!**