

A vibrant spring scene featuring a sunburst in the upper left corner, casting a warm glow over a lush green field. The field is filled with numerous small white flowers with yellow centers, interspersed with tall green grass. On the right side, the thick, textured trunk of a tree is visible, partially obscuring the field. The overall atmosphere is bright and hopeful.

He is Risen

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!”

Psalm 24:7-10

ALL Alleluia! Alleluia!

Our God is the God of resurrection!

Our God defeated sin!

Our God defeated death!

Our God defeated hell!

Our God reigns forever and ever.

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Who is this King of Glory?

The LORD of hosts - he is the King of Glory!

Easter Sunday is
Homecoming Day
for Jesus!

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with
humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will
be his people, and God himself will be with them
as their God.’

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away’”

Revelation 21:3-4

Storyline & Cast of Characters

DAVID

King of Israel for 30 years

Multiple wives, 19 sons

Son Amnon raped half-sister Tamar

Son Absalom kills Amnon for raping Tamar

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ABSALOM

Prince of Israel

Banished from the King's presence

Lives in a distant town called Geshur

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JOAB

David's cousin

General of David's Army

100% loyal to David

Tough killing machine

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WOMAN OF TEKOA

Wise woman

Brought to Israel to behave as an actress

Pretends to be in mourning for many days

Learns lines from Joab to tell the King

Fake Story of Woman from Tekoa

I am a widow who had two sons.

The sons got in a very bad fight

One son accidentally kills the other

Now her kin, her relatives want to put the other son to death for murder

“We must all die; we are like water spilled on the ground which cannot be gathered again. But God will not take away life, he devises means so that the banished one will not remain an outcast”

2 Samuel 14:14

“And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And as he went, he said, ‘O Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!’”

2 Samuel 18:33

“Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures”

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

“That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?'

And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.

But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels,

who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”

And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Luke 24:13-27

“We must all die; we are like water spilled on the ground which cannot be gathered up again. But God will not take away life, he devises means so that the banished one will not remain outcast from him.”

2 Samuel 14:14

“Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant

Make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.” Isaiah 53:10-11

“his soul makes an offering for guilt”

“The righteous one, my servant, shall make many to be accounted righteous, he shall bear their iniquities”

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have
turned every one to his own way; and the Lord
has laid on him the iniquity of us all”

Isaiah 53:6

“ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God” Hebrews 9:13-14

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin
of the world” John 1:29

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth. . .

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive
power and wealth and wisdom and might and
honor and glory and blessing!”

Revelation 5:9-10, 12

“Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Then also you can do good who are accustomed to do evil.”

Jeremiah 13:23

“why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me to be there still. Now therefore, let me go into the presence of the king and if there is guilt in me, let him put me to death.”

2 Samuel 14:32

God devises a means for banished ones to no longer be outcast from him.

1. God does a work for us
2. God does a work in us

“But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,

and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of
just people made perfect, and to Jesus, the
mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled
blood that speaks a better word than the blood of
Abel.” Hebrews 12:22-24

“For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

For the death he died he died to sin, once for all,
but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also
must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to
God in Christ Jesus” Romans 6:1-11

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are... Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies
himself as he is pure” 1 John 3:1a, 2-3

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