

Jesus: Taste & See that the Lord is Good

Jesus is Alive Matthew 28:1-10

He is RISEN!!! He is RISEN INDEED!!! For many, Easter Sunday is a reminder of the goodness of God in sending Jesus to die and rise again for us.

“Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.’ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.’”

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Main Idea: Jesus Rose from the Dead and is Alive Today

I. Come and See – Matthew 28:1-6

“But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.’” **Matthew 28:5-6**

“From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.” **Matthew 16:21**

“If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn’t rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead.” **Timothy Keller**

“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead...” **1 Corinthians 15:17-20a**

II. Go and Tell – Matthew 28:7-8, 10

“Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead...go and tell my brothers...” **Matthew 28:7a, 10b**

Samaritan Woman: Immediately following meeting Jesus, she had to share him with her town. *“Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony...”* **John 4:39a**

“We must show our Christian colors, if we are to be true to Jesus Christ. We cannot remain silent or concede everything away.” **C.S. Lewis**

“This is the grand purpose for which we were created: to enjoy the grace of Christ as we spread the gospel of Christ from wherever we live, to the ends of the earth.”

David Platt

III. Celebrate and Worship – Matthew 28:9

“And behold, Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshipped him.” **Matthew 28:9**

Jesus was born of a virgin, suffered under Pontius Pilate, died on the cross, and rose from the grave to make worshippers out of rebels!” **A.W. Tozer**

“Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.” **1 Peter 1:8-9**

Since Jesus is Alive, Easter is not just a holiday to be celebrated. Since Jesus is Alive, Easter is not merely a date on the calendar. Since Jesus is Alive...

**Come & See to Believe
Go & Tell to Share
Celebrate & Worship for Joy
Taste and See that the Lord is Good**

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