

Easter 2024: Return of the King

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- ⁵ Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. ⁷ And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."
- ⁸ The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. ⁹ And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

 Matthew 28:1-10 (NLT)

That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! ²¹Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

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The resurrected Christ gives us **PEACE**, **POWER**, **AND PURPOSE**.

Jesus Gives Us:

Peace over our <u>FEAR</u>.

God was pleased to have all of himself live in Christ. God was also pleased to bring everything on earth and in heaven back to himself through Christ. He did this by making **peace** through Christ's blood sacrificed on the cross.

Colossians 1:19-20 (GW)

• Power for our **WEAKNESS**.

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

Romans 8:11 (NLT)

• Purpose in our **EVERYDAY**.

Christ's resurrection is your resurrection too.

Colossians 3:1 (TPT)

Recommended Resources

- The Case for Easter, by Lee Strobel
- Is Easter Unbelievable? by Rebecca McLaughlin
- Surprised by Hope, by N. T. Wright
- Living the Resurrection, by Eugene H. Peterson

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