

Easter Message 2022 – “Come Alive”

Today we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. He did the impossible. But some struggle... He died, but rose again? Yes, He's Alive. Not just a story. Witnesses to the truth – an empty tomb, people saw & talked with Him. They share with us His message: Come Alive.

1 – God sent an angel to meet Mary at that tomb. **“Come and see”**. . .

Matt. 28:5-7 – “The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee.’”

Discover the truth. Come and see. Then go... **Come Alive!**

2 – Jesus met 2 disciples walking the Emmaus Rd. & **opened their eyes:**

Luke 24: 27– “Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.” As they neared “Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, 29 but they begged him, “Stay the night with us, since it is getting late.” So he went home with them. 30 As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. 31 Suddenly, their **eyes were opened**, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared! 32 They said to each other, “Didn’t our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?” 33 And **within the hour** they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, who said, “The Lord has really risen!”

Full of excitement, they go. Eyes Opened. Came back & came Alive!
Life may be different than you expected, but better.

Find your excitement in Jesus. It's here! Purpose. Meaning.

Best is before you... **Come Alive!**

3 – Jesus meets Peter on a beach. He'd gone back to fishing. **John 21** tells us an incredible story: No fish/net full of fish. On shore, Jesus has fire burning, fish & bread. 3 affirmations/ reverse 3 denials. Come Alive.

Same message for us: You were meant for more than this.

Don't let your mistakes hold you back. Believe, live a new life!

Come Alive.

4 – Jesus leaves this earth from a mountain in Galilee. Go...

Matt. 28:16-17 – “Jesus’ eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee, where Jesus had told them to meet Him. ¹⁷ They saw him and worshiped him, but some of them doubted.”

28:29-20 Jesus said: “Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.”

Bible is proof . . . Jesus fulfilled 300+ prophecies; they saw His miracles; they saw Him alive. Yet some doubted?

It's time to accept what your heart knows... live from the heart. Live w/ passion & excitement - shove doubt from the mind - **Come Alive!**

We've had our own mountain before us. Covid changed life. But today, we start a new way of living.... **Come Alive.**

- 1- Go & teach others of Jesus. 2 - Baptize - let Jesus clean up our lives.
- 3 – Live life to please God. **For you in 2022!**

The Christian life is the best life you will ever live. **Come Alive.**

Hebrews 12:2-3 – “Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. He did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and he is now seated at the right side of God's throne. Think of what he went through; how he put up with so much hatred from sinners! So do not let yourselves become discouraged and give up.”

Romans 8:31-37 - If God is for us, who can ever be against us? ³² Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? ³³ Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. ³⁴ Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. ³⁵ Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? . . . ³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

Luke 24 - Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb, 3 so they went in; but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 They stood there puzzled about this, when suddenly two men in bright shining clothes stood by them. 5 Full of fear, the women bowed down to the ground, as the men said to them, "Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive? 6 He is not here; he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and three days later rise to life.'" 8 Then the women remembered his words, 9 returned from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven disciples and all the rest. 10 The women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James; they and the other women with them told these things to the apostles. 11 But the apostles thought that what the women said was nonsense, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; he bent down and saw the grave cloths but nothing else. Then he went back home amazed at what had happened."