

Message from God’s Life Giving Word

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Easter – Risen

Christ is Risen!  
He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

What would you have thought?

*Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be **fulfilled**.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that **repentance** for the **forgiveness of sins** should be proclaimed in his name to all **nations**, beginning from Jerusalem. You are **witnesses** of these things.”* Luke 24:44-48

Some of the witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection were:

*(You know) that you were **ransomed** from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the **precious blood** of Christ, like that of a **lamb** without blemish or spot.* 1 Peter 1:18-19

\* We know God is \_\_\_\_\_, because Jesus died \_\_\_\_\_,  
not because things always work out \_\_\_\_\_.

The Power of the Resurrection  
Changed Lives and Extraordinary Faith

Next Steps

1. How many witnesses did you name to Jesus resurrection? The Bible says there were hundreds. Historians like Josephus, a first century Jewish scholar, record His resurrection independent of the Scriptures. If you do not already, how many witnesses would it take for you to believe?
  2. Review Luke 24. We said the resurrection changes everything. How is that true? How could you argue this? What verses from Scripture might you use? Take some time and explore the topic of Jesus resurrection this week.
  3. Throughout this week, read John 11:1-44; James 1:2-18; Matthew 21:18-22; Philippians 4:6-8; 2 Corinthians 4:1-18. As you read, consider the following: Where do you most often encounter doubts in Jesus and His plan for you? What action steps will help you better experience Jesus resurrection power and freedom? Make sure you pray about it!
- REMEMBER:** *Your time in daily devotion and prayer is not just for your benefit. It’s also for the benefit of others. Share what God is teaching you.*