



ALIVE!

Bringing good news to you

He is Risen

Good news: Jesus rose from the dead!

by David Anderson

Alive magazine is written to present you with some significant facts about Jesus Christ, which include His resurrection, celebrated each Easter Sunday. The major points about the Christian good news are stated in *1 Corinthians 15:3-5*:

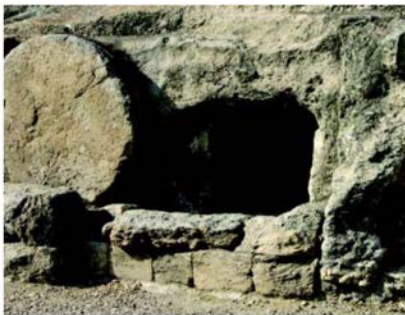
- that Christ died to deal with our sins in the way the Scriptures required.
- that He was then buried.
- that He was resurrected on the third day as the Scriptures had prophesied, after which He appeared to many disciples on various occasions.

His life was not taken from Him by others (*see John ch.10 vs.17-18*). After three days in a tomb, Jesus rose again from the dead,

“It is true! The Lord has risen.”

(Luke ch.24 v.34)

If Christ has not been resurrected, the Christian message and the Christian faith are both worthless. And if Christians only have hope in Christ for present-day living, they are the most miserable of all people (*see 1 Corinthians ch.15 vs.14 & 19*). So, when the annual Christian pilgrimage arrives on Easter Sunday morning at the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem for their traditional Easter service, they will not find the body of the Lord Jesus in it! Rather, they know the opposite is true. Hallelujah, Christ is risen!! He



is the living One, who died, but who now is alive for evermore. Most importantly, He is the One who has the keys of death and Hades.

“I am the Living One... I hold the keys of death and Hades”

(Revelation ch.1 v.18).

When I went to Israel a few years ago on business, I'd forgotten about it being Passover time (or Easter, as we call it). I was therefore most surprised when, on the first day of Preparation for the Passover, the 4-star hotel I was staying in served up unleavened wafers for breakfast on paper plates and with disposable utensils. You see, I wanted the opposite to be true – that Israeli tourism would cater for western visitors – even though I knew the Rabbis dictated the prevailing Jewish culture. In this respect, I was just like the disciples on that first Easter morning. On numerous occasions, they'd been told the facts by Jesus, but the reality did not sink in. They were shocked by the news they received,

“He is not here, but is risen!”

(Luke ch.24 v.6, NKJV).

What does Easter mean to you? Have you forgotten its real meaning, or do you not believe it to be true?

The Silver Watch

by George Stevens

Have you heard the tale of the silver watch? No! Well it runs like this. Harry was a fit lad who had been training for his community's sports day. He trained hard because his heart was set on the silver watch which was the prize to the winner in his event. The day came and went. So did the silver watch! Harry had been outstripped by a couple of others in his race. He was pretty miserable. However, he hoped to be cheered up at another event - his imminent birthday. The day soon arrived. When he opened his presents, he was absolutely delighted because the gift from his parents was a silver watch!



Salvation is like this! There are many people who strive for it, but their efforts prove to be fruitless. Salvation is a gift that comes from God. He purchased it for us by the death and resurrection of His own Son. What a cost! If you have been trying to please God by your own works, repent and come to Him expressing your faith in HIS work. Accept the gift of eternal life and go on to love and serve Him. The Bible says,

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.”

(Ephesians ch.2 vs.8-9)

Furthermore, it says:

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

(Romans ch.6 v.23)

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God's offer of Salvation is open to everybody. One of the best known verses in the Bible is *John ch.3 v.16*: "**For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**" (AV)

If you have not yet asked the Lord Jesus to be your Saviour, now is a good time. All it takes is a simple prayer, here is one you might like to use: "**Lord Jesus, I am not perfect, I have done lots of things wrong. Thank You that because of Your love, You died and rose again to pay the price of my sins. I invite You into my life right now. Please forgive my sins and help me to live for You from now on.**"

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