
Good news: Jesus rose from the dead!

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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*:

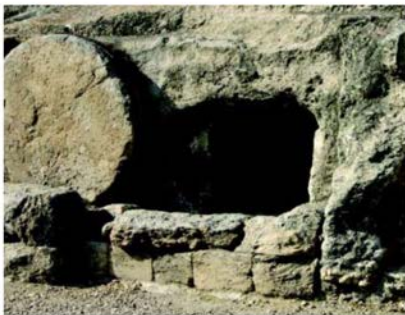
- that Christ died to deal with our sins in the way the Scriptures required.
- that He was then buried.
- that He was resurrected on the third day as the Scriptures had prophesied, after which He appeared to many disciples on various occasions.

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?
