



Jesus Is Alive

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“Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. 3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: 5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, **Why seek ye the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, 7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again**” (Luke 24:1-7).

The resurrection, ascension and continuous living made Jesus so unique from every other living person, and provide a living hope that has changed the course of History and will continue to do so for ever. Because He lives, I can face the future! Without the resurrection, the mission of Jesus would have been dead and the Ministry of the Church impossible. Note these salient truths:

- 1) John 2:19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Without the resurrection, this prophecy would have not been unfulfilled destroying hope and faith in eternal life.
- 2) Mark 9:9,10 And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead. 10 And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean. They did not understand nor believe that Christ will resurrect.
- 3) The disciples and Mary the mother of Jesus were not at the tomb on the resurrection morning because they did not understand nor believe His prophecy of resurrection especially when viewed in the light of the nature and

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circumstances of His death.

- 4) Matthew 27:64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. The plot of His enemies to prevent the resurrection provided the best undeniable proof of it.
- 5) John 20:19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. After His death the disciples were discouraged, confused, hopeless and in hiding for fear of the Jews.
- 6) I Corinthians 15:12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? His resurrection and ascension was the game changer for the disciples as they could then see light at the end of their tunnel. It dispelled their fears, produced such faith and boldness that made them unstoppable in their missions and ministries.
- 7) I Corinthians 15:42-44 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: 43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. His resurrection gives us assurance and confidence about God's promise of our resurrection. Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. And life is worth the living just because He lives.