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Easter Sunday

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1 Corinthians 15:14, *"If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith."*

**WHY I BELIEVE JESUS WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD:**

- #1: The Prophecies About the Messiah
- #2: The Empty Tomb of Jesus
- #3: Women Were Named as Eyewitnesses
- #4: The Large Crowd of Witnesses
- #5: The Apostles' Newly Found Courage

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Matthew 28:1-10, *<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. <sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." <sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."...*

Matthew 28:16-20, *<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

**WHAT EFFECT CAN THE RESURRECTION HAVE ON OUR LIFE?**

**1) If Jesus is alive, we can be filled with joy!**

- They moved from emotions of fear/grief to peace/joy.
- *"...Do not be afraid"...* (5) *"...filled with joy..."* (9)
- We're rightly grieved by death, but what if death isn't the end?
- *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"* (John 11:25-26)

## 2) If Jesus is alive, we can join God's family!

- They moved from being disciples to being family.
- "...tell his disciples..." (7) "...tell my brothers..." (10)
- John 1:12, "...to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."
- We must be deeply loved by God to be considered family.
- We don't have to be lonely because we have a spiritual family.
- In tough times we have the support of our church family.

## 3) If Jesus is alive, we can have new purpose!

- They moved from worship to joining in on the mission.
- "...worshiped him..." (17) "...go & make disciples..." (19)
- Jesus lends us His power to use on His mission to help a hurting world find hope in God.

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