

Easter Sunday



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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ch6eXkQWU8>

In Christ alone my hope is found

He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease

My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

He is Risen

Two days later Mary Magdalen went to the tomb. She was astonished to find that the huge stone had been moved and the body had gone.

She ran to tell Peter and John who only found burial sheets in the tomb. Mary, weeping, was approached by a man she did not know, who asked her why she was crying. She explained that it was because they had taken her Lord away. Believing him to be the gardener, Mary asked if he knew where Jesus body had been taken. Jesus said 'Mary, it is I.' Mary was full of joy. Jesus told her to tell his friends that she had seen him and that he would soon be with his father in Heaven. Mary ran back to tell their friends the news. At first not everyone believed her.

Jesus appeared to the disciples several times. Once, when they had been fishing on the Sea of Galilee, he called to them from the shore. He asked them if they had caught many fish. They replied 'nothing.' Jesus told them to drop their nets on the right side of the boat. They did this and when they pulled in their nets, they were full of fish. It was only then that they realised that the man was Jesus. They came ashore and had a meal of fish with him.

Later Jesus spoke to all of the disciples telling them that once he had left them they would receive the power of the Holy Spirit. He wanted them to spread the word of God throughout the world.

Jesus was then taken up into heaven. Two angels appeared and told his friends not to be sad because one day Jesus would return.

As we move from that hill where Jesus died we look to the future. A future of hope, a new beginning, a chance for change. In this time where lots of things have changed, what things are you going to go back to, work school, family and friends. But now we are given another chance to change our own lives. What can we leave behind and what is it will take from this. Like all those years ago, when Jesus returned, giving us hope. New hope for a new life like the chick cracking out of the Easter egg, a hope so we can face tomorrow. What do we want tomorrow to be?



Dear God,

When I stand at the beginning of a new day,
bless me with vision to see the best of things
to come... Wisdom to make good decisions... and most of all, faith that you are
walking with me every step of the way.

Amen.

May God's blessing surround you each day.

As we trust in and walk in his way;

May His presence within,

Guard and keep us from sin;

Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.