

8. Resurrection...

Jesus Is Alive



Easter Sunday

Place #8 picture (empty tomb) on cross

Scripture Matthew 28:5-6, Colossians 1:15-23, 1 Peter 1:3-4

Begin with no candles lit before reading

HE IS ALIVE! DEATH HAS BEEN DEFEATED! God—the Creator of the universe and the One who controls all things, has demonstrated His mighty power in raising Jesus from death to life. The true glory of God shines in the world. The Light has overcome the darkness!

(Light all the candles.)

Jesus is no longer dead, He has risen!

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen as He said. Come see the place where He lay.”

God’s power and glory were on full display when He raised Jesus from the dead. Now we no longer have to be afraid because Satan is defeated and death has lost its power. Jesus takes His rightful place beside God as firstborn over all creation.

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through Him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can’t see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through Him and for Him. He existed before anything else and He holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is His body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So He is first in everything. For God in all His fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through Him, God reconciled everything to Himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ’s blood on the cross.

1 Peter tells us that because of Jesus’ great sacrifice we can look forward to living in heaven with God if we believe in Him as our Savior!

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by His great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.

PRAY: God, how great and powerful you are! Thank You for bringing Your son back to life and defeating sin and death.