

How Jesus' Resurrection Brings REAL Hope

Jesus' resurrection *really* happened.

"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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. **He is not here; he has risen**, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 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." —Matthew 28:3-7

He appeared before *real* witnesses.

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, **he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters** at the same time." —1 Corinthians 15:3-6

Jesus' *real* victory over death and sin is given to us.

"The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**" —1 Corinthians 15:3-6

Jesus' resurrection *reality* assures a place in heaven.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? **And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.**" —John 14:1-3

Because Jesus' *really* lives, hope lives in those who believe in him.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into **a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." —1 Peter 1:3

Without Easter, there is no hope, and the Christian faith is pointless. Jesus conquered death and rose again, just as he promised. He is *the* life. He is *the* victory over death. Believe in Christ and receive the full assurance of heaven.

"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

Jesus brings real hope because he is the living hope.

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