

Easter Is God's Invitation To You!

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Easter Sunday 2020

Luke 24:1, *On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "* 8 Then they remembered His words.

Easter is the only time of the year when it is safe to put all your eggs in one basket!

John 1:29, *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!*

1. Easter Is God's Invitation To Open Our EYES

John 1:29, *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look...*

2. Easter Is God's Invitation To Look To Heaven For Life's ULTIMATE ANSWERS

John 1:29, *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the **Lamb of God**...*

- God Is Still In CONTROL!

Psalm 27:1, *The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I*

fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 46:1, *God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*

The Empty Tomb gives us the peace of mind that Jesus rose from the Dead. The Resurrection gives us the peace of mind that even in the most troubling of times, God is still in Control!

- Jesus Is Who He CLAIMED To Be!

John 8:58, *“Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I Am!”*

Exodus 3:14, *God said to Moses, “I Am Who I Am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I Am has sent me to you.’”*

- Jesus Did What He PROMISED To Do!

Mark 10:32, *...Again He took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to Him. 33 “We are going up to Jerusalem,” He said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles, 34 who will mock Him and spit on Him, flog Him and kill Him. Three days later He will rise.”*

The resurrection of Jesus reminds us that you can put the truth in a grave but it won't stay there!

3. Easter Is God's Invitation To Look At the Facts Of The RESURRECTION

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Here Is What We Know Took Place:

- Jesus Died On The Cross And Was Buried In The TOMB

- That Sunday Morning The Tomb Was EMPTY

- The Transformation Of The Disciples, Skeptics And

Persecutors Of The CHURCH

- Eyewitness Testimony Of Those Who Encountered The RISEN SAVIOR

- The Change In Practice Of The EARLY CHURCH

“I didn’t become a Christian because God promised I would have an even happier life than I had as an atheist. He never promised any such thing... Rather, I became a Christian because the evidence was so compelling that Jesus really is the One-and-only Son of God Who proved His divinity by rising from the dead. That meant following Him was the most rational and logical step I could possibly take.”

—Lee Strobel

1 Corinthians 15:3, ... I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day... 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all He appeared to me also...

4. Easter Is God’s Invitation To Your SALVATION

John 3:16, For God so loved the world that He gave His One and only Son, that **whoever believes in Him** shall not perish but have eternal life.

Isaiah 53:4, Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering... 5 But He was pierced for **our transgressions**, He was crushed for **our iniquities**; the **punishment that brought us peace was on Him**, and by His **wounds we are healed**. 6 **We all**, like sheep, have gone astray, **each of us** has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Romans 6:23, For the wages of sin is death, but the **gift of God is eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 11:23, *For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*