

II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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He is Risen

**"He is not here;
for he is risen,
as he said."**



-Matthew 28:6

The reality of Christ's resurrection is easily proved. It rests upon the best attested facts in history. There are hundreds of historical events that do not have nearly as many witnesses. Just think, there were fourteen groups that saw Him alive after His death:

1. Mary Magdalene at the tomb
2. The women
3. Peter
4. The two disciples at Ennaus
5. The disciples with Thomas
6. The disciples in the upper room
7. The disciples on the shore of Galilee
8. The eleven on a mountain

9. The five hundred brethren at once
10. James
11. The disciples on Olivet at the Ascension
12. Stephen at his martyrdom
13. Paul on the road to Damascus
14. John on Patmos

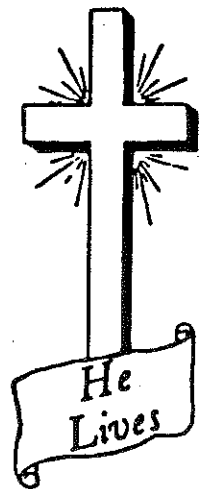
Now, some of these witnesses saw Him, not once, but several times.

The fact that many of them died for their testimony shows their reliability. These men and women gladly suffered martyrdom, rather than deny their risen Lord.

The founders of all the world's religions have died, but they have never been resurrected. Christ, and Christ alone, arose.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT HOW THE NUMBER THREE (3) IS SO CLOSELY RELATED TO OUR LORD'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION?

- HE PRAYED 3 TIMES IN THE GARDEN.
- HE TOOK 3 OF HIS DISCIPLES WITH HIM INTO THE GARDEN.
- HE WAS TRIED BY 3 MEN: CAIAPHAS, HEROD AND PILATE.
- HE WAS DENIED 3 TIMES BY PETER.
- HE WAS BETRAYED BY JUDAS FOR 30 PIECES OF SILVER (3x10).
- HE WAS PRONOUNCED NOT GUILTY 3 TIMES BY PILATE.
- THERE WERE 3 CROSSES ON CALVARY'S HILL.
- THERE WERE 3 LANGUAGES IN THE INSCRIPTION ON THE CROSS.
- HE SPOKE TO THE FATHER 3 TIMES WHILE ON THE CROSS.
- THERE WERE 3 HOURS OF DARKNESS WHILE HE WAS ON THE CROSS.
- HE WAS IN THE GRAVE 3 DAYS AND 3 NIGHTS.
- HE AROSE ON THE 3RD DAY.



UP-SPRINGING LIFE

If a tiny flower can throw aside
 A clod three times its size:
 Can not a prince, a Son of God
 Beneath his burden rise?
 Since April showers have not the power
 To stop the Robin's song
 Can not we rise above our tears
 And loud His praises prolong?
 Since Christ has risen from the grave
 And won for us a crown;
 Can we not fix our eyes on Him
 And look no longer down?
 Then spring thou up, Oh, trembling soul
 This is no day for fear;
 With sin and death a conquered foe,
 And our Lord's coming near!

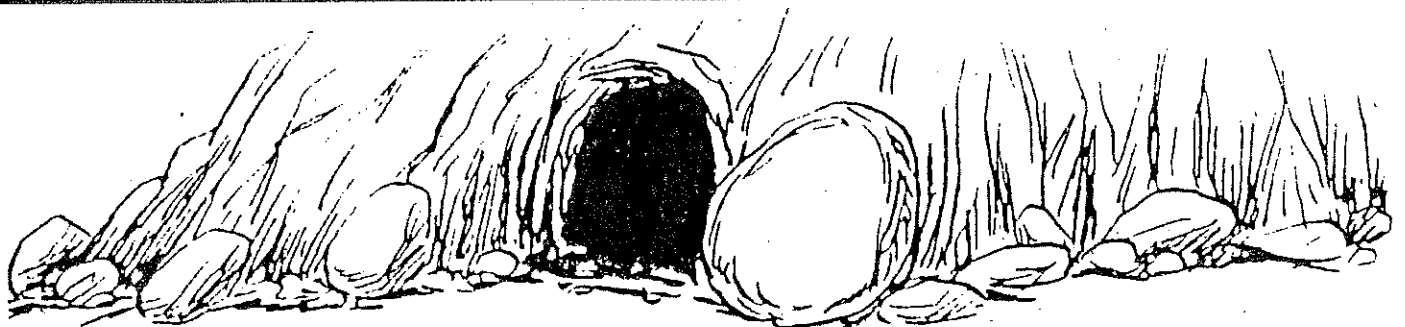


THE GREATEST LIVING PERSON

A school teacher asked her class, 'Who is the greatest living person?'

Some of the children gave her the names of presidents and other prominent persons. But one little girl answered, 'Jesus.'

The teacher reminded the student that she had asked for the greatest LIVING person. 'But he is living!' the girl insisted.



"AN EMPTY TOMB INSTEAD"

THEY CAME TO THE QUIET GARDEN
 IN THE EARLY MORNING GLOOM,
 AND THERE IN THE SHADOWED DARKNESS
 THEY FOUND AN EMPTY TOMB.

THEY BROUGHT THEIR SCENTED SPICES
 TO ANOINT THE HALLOWED DEAD,
 BUT FOUND, TO THEIR AMAZEMENT,
 THE LIVING LORD INSTEAD.

THEIR HEARTS WERE HEAVY-LADEN-
 BOWED DOWN WITH DEEP DESPAIR
 BUT WHEN THEY LIFTED TEAR-DIMMED
 EYES,
 LO, JESUS WAS STANDING THERE.

THEY THOUGHT ALL HOPE HAD ENDED
 WITH CALVARY'S DYING BREATH,
 BUT THEY FOUND A POWERFUL SAVIOR,
 TRIUMPHANT OVER DEATH!

ON THAT WONDERFUL EASTER MORNING,
 IN THE GARDEN SWEET WITH DEW,
 HE CAME FROM THE GRAVE- A WORLD TO SAVE
 TO LIVE AND REIGN ANEW

SO OFT IN THE MIST OF SORROWS
 WHEN HOPE SEEMS COLD AND DEAD,
 WITH LIFTED EYES WE TOO MAY SEE,
 AN EMPTY TOMB INSTEAD.

Miscellaneous.

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BECAUSE HE LIVES WE CAN FACE TOMORROW!

Surely, the saddest, most miserable people that have ever been on the face of the earth must have been the followers of Christ the day He died. They had based all their hopes on Him, believing He was the promised Messiah. When He was arrested, beaten and finally crucified, their hopes were all dashed.

His death was a very revolting scene with all the noise, gambling, cursing, jeering and mocking. Jesus paid a horrible price while God was silent. At one time Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" When it was all done most of His followers had forsaken Him, not understanding that God was working out His great plan of redemption, and this was really the hour of victory. Calvary had to be because man was lost in sin and Calvary was the only way whereby sin could be forgiven. It was all planned by God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit before the foundation of the world was laid.

Then came the glorious morning of the third day when He rose again from the dead. He had defeated death, Hell and the grave! When He began to appear to His followers it made as much difference for them as night and day. He said He would rise again and He did! Suddenly, hope was alive again. They hadn't been wrong in trusting Him to be their Redeemer. As the news spread that He had risen, the enemy tried to deny it. But it was true and He still lives today!

Because of His resurrection we also will be resurrected one day in the newness of life. Christians have longed and waited for that great Resurrection Morning that the Bible says is coming. At that moment the Trump of God will sound and in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, we will be raptured and will have a new body, perfect in every detail. On that morning our bodies will be adorned with perfection. We who have put our trust and faith in Christ for salvation have great hope. No matter how hard or difficult life is down here, our sure hope is in the Lord and the best is yet to come! If you haven't trusted Him as your Saviour, do so today before it is too late.