

He's Alive! (Easter)

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[Matthew 27:62-66; 28:1-10](#)

27:62 The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. 63 "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.'" 64 So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first." 65 "Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." 66 So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard. 28:1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 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. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. 5 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. 7 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." 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "**Greetings,**" he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "**Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.**"

Because Jesus is alive...

I. YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIVE WITH GUILT OR SHAME ANYMORE

[Romans 8:1](#)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

[Colossians 2:13-14](#)

13 When you were dead in your sins... God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

Because Jesus is alive...

2. YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEAR DEATH ANYMORE

[John 11:25](#)

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

Because Jesus is alive...

3. YOUR LIFE HAS MEANING AND PURPOSE

[Matthew 28:5, 7](#)

5 The angel said to the women...7... go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead...'

[Matthew 28:10](#)

10 Then Jesus said to [the women], **"Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers..."**

[Matthew 28:16-20](#)

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.**"

HE'S ALIVE! — NOW GO AND TELL SOMEONE