# HE IS RISEN EASTER SUNDAY

"Without Jesus' resurrection there is no good news in Christianity. Christianity is in essence a resurrection religion. The resurrection lies at its very heart; if you remove it, Christianity is destroyed."

-John Stott

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"Christ's resurrection was not just an event that the early Church observed. It literally empowered them to change their world and the world."

-George Ladd

Jesus risen means that sin and death do not win, and God's vision of being one with His creation will be realized.

### 1 Corinthians 15: 1-7

Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." Mark 9: 30-32

## Jesus risen means God keeps His promises.

#### "Come, let us return to the Lord...

he will bind up our wounds After two days he will revive us; on the **third day** he will restore us, that we may live in his presence."

Hos. 6:1-2

"Promises are powerful. When promises are made and kept, trust is developed and relationships grow stronger. For that reason, God makes promises to his people. He desires to reveal His love and faithful character."

-Chris Hefner

God keeps His promises because we live in a world of temptation.



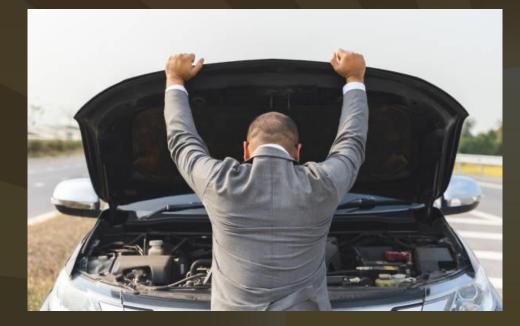
"Did God really say?"

"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness... he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires."

2 Peter 1: 2-3

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### "You have other gifts."



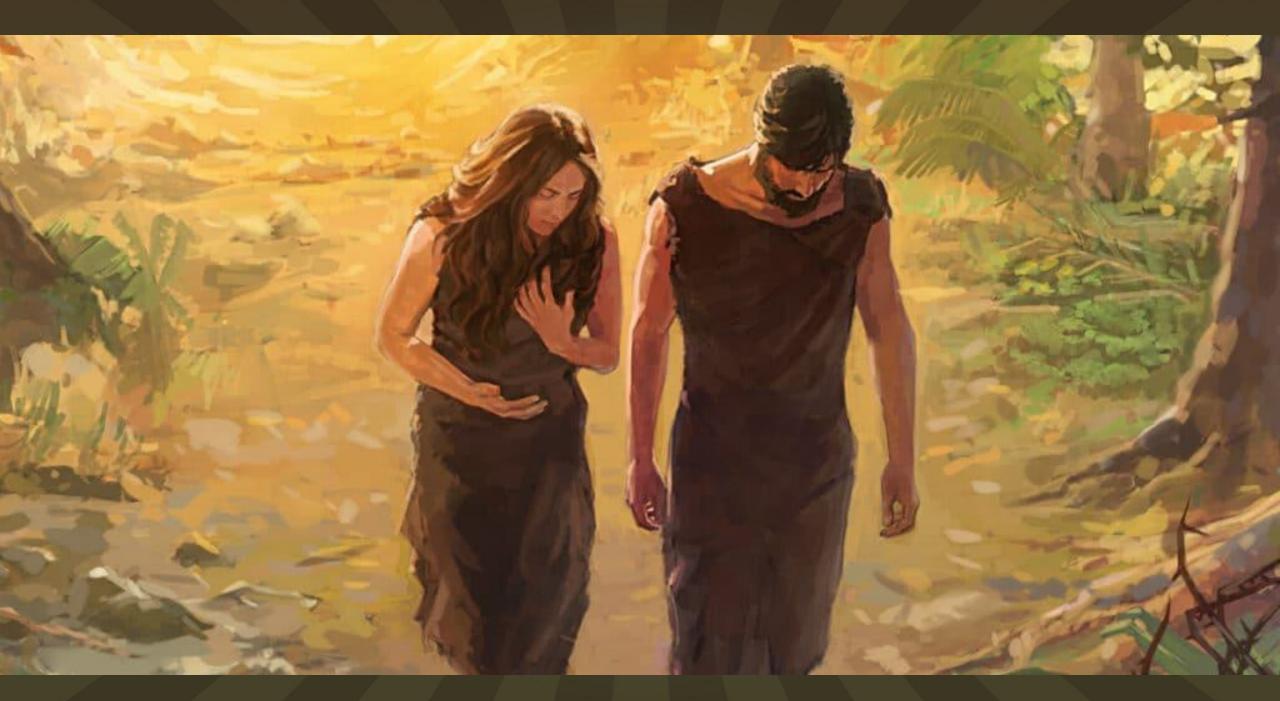




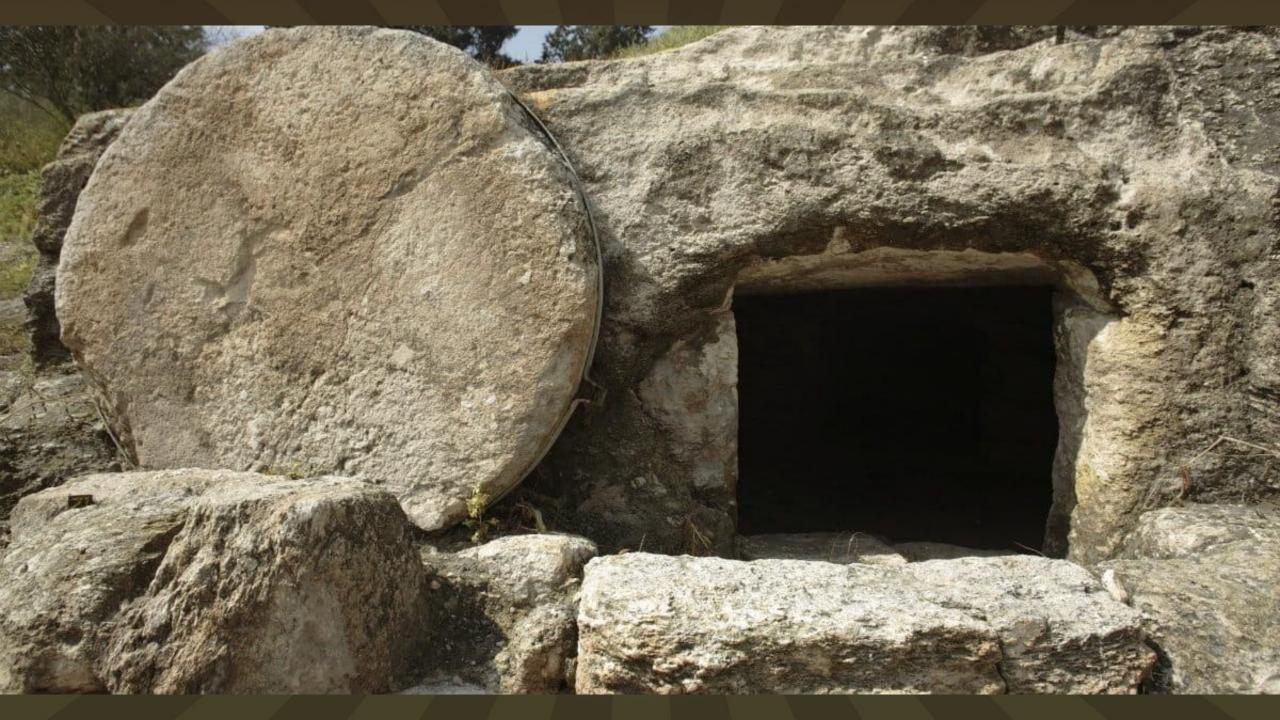


"I can't fix it."

### Jesus risen means there is no problem God can't overcome.







For if, because of [Adam's] trespass, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ." Romans 5:17



#### "For Christ died for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."

-1 Peter 3:18

If there's no problem God can't overcome, then why doesn't He \_\_\_\_?

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

-2 Corinthians 12: 8-9

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are <u>wasting away</u>, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day."

#### -2 Corinthians 4: 16

Jesus risen means that Christ's resurrected body is a preview of our resurrected body!



"Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

-Luke 24:39



### "He saw all that he had made, and it was very good."

-Genesis 1:31

"who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."

-Philippians 3:21



Jesus risen means that that all creation will be made new! "For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God."

-Romans 8:20-21

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away... I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband."

-Revelation 21: 1-3

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Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;"

-John 11:25

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If you're a child of God, you do not just "go around once" on Earth. You don't get just one earthly life. You get another-one far better and without end. You'll inhabit the New Earth! You'll live with the God you cherish and the people you love as an undying person on an undying Earth. -Randy Alcorn

## Your labor is not in vain

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