

HE IS RISEN! THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! LET US REJOICE!

Many of us have been walking the way of the cross over the past forty days, we have relived the parables of Jesus, reflected on how revered he was when he was performing miracles, and we were joyful at his triumphant return to the holy city of Jerusalem; but this was short lived, because he entered Jerusalem as a King, but died as a criminal.

But my brothers and sisters in Christ, death could not hold him, the grave could not enthrall him, for his death to us Christians did not signal the end, but the beginning; and so today, Resurrection Sunday, we are joyful, because of the risen and ascended Lord.

We must remember that Jesus knew what his assignment was, but because he came to us in human flesh, he suffered and cried out to God, saying, Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; not my will but thine be done.

He did it for us, to secure our salvation. He passed through from death to life so that we could be free. Why then are so many of us cast down, why then are so many of us worried and afraid, why then are we never satisfied with the blessing we have received from God? How many more sacrifices are needed for us to believe in the risen and ascended Lord?

IT IS FINISHED – Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us, when he died on the cross at Calvary, but too many of us are still reluctant to accept the free gift of salvation, many still do not believe, too many have passed from the womb and entered the tomb of sin and destruction, seemingly waiting for their Resurrection Sunday.

But, today, my brothers and sisters in Christ, that stone is rolled away, we have left that dark, cold, and empty tomb. I say to you this Easter Day, walk in the light of the risen and ascended Lord. He is risen! He has triumphed over death and the grave, and by his stripes we are healed, that my brothers and sisters in Christ is the true meaning of Easter.

We are joyful today, because of the sacrifice he made for us, to give us the liberty, to live the abundant life in him.

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Therefore, Easter should be for us a time of reflection on this ultimate sacrifice, a time for us to renew our faith and commit to living a righteous, godly, and sober life, all the rest of our days.

May this Resurrection Sunday fill us with hope, and serve as a reminder to us that no matter how dark the road ahead may be, we could rejoice in hope and be joyful in tribulations, confident that this too will pass.

Help us, Lord, that as we go forth in the name of Jesus, that we may show forth in our lives what we profess by our faith, not only praising you from our lips, but from deep within our hearts.

We need to show more gratitude for deliverance from the dominion of sin and death, and for the assurance that because you live, we can all face any and all of our tomorrows, for by his stripes we are all healed. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

On behalf of myself, Davika, Wanda, Kryer, Ginger, Abby, Frisky, Taylor, and Lolly, we extend the warmest wishes for a Happy and Blessed Easter Season.

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