

EASTER BRINGS HOPE

“Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he be dead, yet shall he live.” John 11:25

Easter is not about brightly colored eggs, wearing new clothing, or enjoying a big meal in a restaurant, although it could include all of these. **Easter is about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

For many, Easter will be another reminder of how different life is as we're being asked to stay home and be apart from family and friends. For some, it will be a reminder of a loved one or special friend who has died and now is desperately missed.

Especially in times like these, death seems so cruel, so harsh, and so final. That was what the disciples were feeling when they saw their Lord, whom they had left everything to follow and now to see Him hanging on a cross. They were devastated. Death had crushed them. But if they would have gone back in their memories, they would have recalled an important event and statement Jesus had said. They would have remembered Jesus standing at the tomb of His close friend Lazarus. They would have remembered that Jesus did something completely unexpected. He wept (John 11:35). Jesus wept, because He knew that death was not part of God's original plan. Humanity was not meant to grow old, to suffer with a disease, or to even die. But because of the fall of Adam and Eve, sin entered the human race, and death followed with it.

Standing there at Lazarus tomb, Jesus delivered these hope filled words: **I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he be dead, yet shall he live (John 11:25). Death is not the end for the believer in Christ.** And the Resurrection of Jesus Christ proves it.

If you have put your faith in Christ, then Easter means that you will live forever with Christ. Easter brings hope!

Thought for the day:

Easter brings hope because of Christ. Who do you know that needs hope and that needs you?

Blessings!

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