

Resurrection Life

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, His rising from the dead means death has been defeated and eternal life is assured for those who believe. The resurrection wasn't initially understood by Jesus' followers; despite His clear predictions, none of the disciples expected Him to rise. They hid in fear, their hopes shattered. Ironically, it was the Pharisees who took His resurrection seriously enough to guard the tomb.

But everything changed when the risen Jesus appeared. The fearful disciples became bold witnesses, empowered by the Holy Spirit, proclaiming God's love worldwide. This transformation birthed the Church, which continues to grow and spread Christ's message across the generations.

The resurrection affirms Jesus as the Son of God and the promised Messiah. Had He remained in the grave, He might have been remembered as a teacher, but not as the Saviour. His victory over sin and death confirms that life, not death, has the final word.

The resurrection is a guarantee of eternal life. Jesus is the "first fruits" of those who will rise again, showing that eternal life isn't a vague hope, but a promised reality. The resurrection also brought the gift of the Holy Spirit, enabling believers to continue Jesus' ministry with boldness and power.

In essence, the resurrection transforms tragedy into triumph, despair into hope, and death into life. This is the heart of Easter: celebrating that Jesus is alive and that, through Him, we have hope and life.

Today we praise God that Christ is risen – He is risen indeed!