

“4 Things We Have Because Of The Resurrection”

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{All scriptures are NIV84 unless stated}

Things We Have Because Of The Resurrection:

1. We Have A God Who Is Alive!

Luke 24:1-5

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?”

Even the people who were with Jesus all of this time didn’t fully understand what this means.

These ladies knew where Jesus was supposed to be.

They saw him die.

They knew where the tomb was.

They SAW him laid there!

They expected to go and lay the spices as a memorial.

But the angels who were there delivered the message.

He is not here!

Jesus Didn't Rise Randomly, He TOLD Them He Would Do It!

Luke 24:6-8

6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' ” 8 Then they remembered his words.

This shows how amazing this really was.

These people who had walked with Jesus and seen him perform miracles...

healing the sick...casting out demons...RAISING THE DEAD...

did not expect he would raise himself as he said he would.

This is a power that goes beyond the rules of this world.

Back to the question:

“Why are you looking for the living among the dead?”

This tomb is where he was buried...but it's not his home.

You don't go to the graveyard looking for people who are alive.

You Can Go To The Tomb, But He's Not There!

Job 19:25

25 I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

You serve a God that didn't just live and die.

You serve a God that was here before time began.

You serve alpha and the omega.

The beginning and the end.

someone who at a time came to earth and died.

and that same God conquered death and the grave.

and not only told people he would rise on the 3rd day...

but he did it!

You Have A God Who Is Alive And Well!

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2. We Have Power Because God Lives In Us!

1 Corinthians 3:16

16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that **God's Spirit lives in you?**

The sacrifice that Jesus gave on calvary gave us the ability to have Christ in our hearts.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but **Christ lives in me.**

We serve a God who loves us so much...that he dwells in us.

Because Christ lives in us...we have access to his power!

1 Corinthians 6:14

By **his** power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.

If the power of God could conquer death and the grave... and THAT power lives inside of you...

then what other things can that “unstoppable power” do in us?

Because You Have The Power Of God, You Don't Have To Be Defeated By Anything!

If God can conquer death...

can he not handle your sickness?

can he not handle your debt?

can he not handle your situation?

can he not RESTORE what needs restoration?

If God Can Handle Death, He Can Handle Whatever You're Going Through!

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3. We Have A Love For Us That Will Not Die!

{used earlier}

Galatians 2:20

20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Jesus loves us...he gave himself up for us.

And that love has no restrictions...no boundaries... it won't change.

Romans 8:38-39

38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Death nor life:

If you died today.

God still loves you.

If you continue to live...on your good days and your bad days,

God still loves you.

Not angels or demons.

Nothing in heaven or in hell...

the things you can see or the things you can't.

God still loves you.

Neither the present nor the future.

That means the stuff you get into today OR in the future.

people will love you today and stab you in the back tomorrow

but nothing in YOUR power can change it.

God still loves you.

Nor any powers.

anything your boss has to say
anything anyone else has to say.

God still loves you.

Neither height nor depth...

nothing from as far up to the heavens...

to the lowest of the lows can stop it.

God still loves you.

And if we didn't cover everything already...

NOR ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL CREATION!

There Is Nothing That Can Change The Love God Has For You!

John 15:13

13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Christ laid down his life for us...establishing a love for us that won't change!

"No greater love than a man would lay down his life"

“Jesus went to calvary
to save a wretch like you and me
that’s love.

They hung him high, they stretched him wide
he hung his head, for me he died
that’s love.

But that’s not how the story ends,
3 days later, he rose again
that’s love.”