**Easter Sunday 2025**

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**After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.**

**His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.**

**The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.**

**Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”**

**So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said.**

**They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”**

 **On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”**

**After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”**

**Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”**

**But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”**

**A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”**

**Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”**

**Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”**

**For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.**

**After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.**

**Matthew 28, Luke 24, 1 Corinthians 15**

**What kind of life are you living?**

**You have two lives: one mortal and one immortal.**

**Choice One: Live your life rejecting Jesus.**

**To reject Jesus in your mortal life is to choose death in your immortal life.**

**Romans 6:23**

**For the wages of sin is death.**

**Choice Two: Live your life accepting Jesus.**

**To accept Jesus in your mortal life is to choose life in your immortal life.**

**Romans 6:23**

**For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Matthew 7:13-14**

**Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.**

**You end up on the wrong road when you start looking for life among the dead things.**

**Luke 24:5**

**“Why do you look for the living among the dead?”**

**How do I get on the right road?**

**Repent of your sins and turn to God.**

**Acts 3:19-20**

**Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.**

**1 John 5:11-12**

**This is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.**

**Luke 24:5-6**

**Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!**

**John 3:16**

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**