

Easter Sunday 4th April 2021

We meet at the Salvation Army Hall Sunday 10.30am

Also Sunday worship on is on  YouTube

The easiest way to find the link to the YouTube meeting each Sunday is to find the link on the Corps web page. Type.....

www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ramsgate and select **Church on YouTube**

AND at 11.30 on ZOOM

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8651865167>

Ramsgate ZOOM 8651865167

AND DVDs of the service are available for those who would like them



What's happening next week at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Sunday 4 th 10am	Church at Home on YouTube – PALM SUNDAY
Sunday 4 th 10.30am	Worship at the Ramsgate hall
Sunday 4 th 11.30 am	ZOOM fellowship
Sunday 4 th 12 noon	ZOOM Youth Group
Sunday 4 th 4.30 pm	ZOOM Children's Church Kids Club (up to 11 years)
Monday to Thursday (6.30am-9am)	Breakfast Drop-in (street homeless only)
Friday 9 th (10am - 12 noon)	Food Bank (No Food Bank on Tuesday 6th)

There will **NO** bible study or fellowship ZOOM this week



There is a full day of activities on Fortress Radio.



<https://www.fortressradio.online/listen-now.html>

And don't forget Songs of Praise Sundays at 13.15pm

Maggie is available with the constant prayer line where you can call or text for prayer. You can contact her on 07840 753 603

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.



Birthdays

John McCairn	Saturday 3-Apr
Gordon McMasters	Sunday 4 -Apr
Bernard	Tuesday 6-Apr
Jacqueline	Wednesday 7-Apr
David Miles	Wednesday 7-Apr
Ben Anderson	Thursday 8-Apr

Prayers please for

Continued prayers for **Jean Mayton** in a nursing home in Westgate-on-sea, for the family and friends of **Captain John Garbutt** whose funeral will be Tuesday 13th April at 1pm at Thanet Crematorium , for **Ann** and Fred – neighbours of Jason, **Chris**, a friend of Gay.

For the family and friends of **Melvin Harris** who passed away in Canterbury hospital on Thursday afternoon.

We continue to pray for **Grant** and **Al** and **David** and **John** McCairn all waiting for medical treatment. For Tracy's dad **Ivan**. Continued prayers for **Paul** , son of Hazel, who has one more treatment session and for **Archie**, Lisa and Scott.

An Easter Prayer

Loving Lord, today we remember
the veil of darkness
transforming to the brightest light.
The most dreadful end
becoming the most beautiful beginning.
We remember with trembling hearts
the depths of despair
fading to reveal hope everlasting.
The curse of death
defeated by eternal life.
Today we remember with thankfulness
your willingness to be pierced for our sins.
We sing with abounding joy
of your miraculous rise,
from death's tomb to resplendent life.
Thank you for the promise of heaven
and your generous invitation of eternal life for all.
Amen.

Thoughts from Major John.

Easter Joy!

Our great Redeemer liveth still,

His love sustains us in thy will;

Because he conquered, we shall win,

His cross before, his joy within;

Our cheerful banners are unfurled,

For Christ has overcome the world.

Catherine Baird. Song 359 verse 5.

Time to Smile

The late Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, had a good sense of humour. He would have appreciated a report of his funeral in a national newspaper, which added, 'His mother was a hairdresser, and his roots were very important to him.'

A little boy asked his mother why the vicar got four weeks holiday a year, while his dad only had two weeks.

His mother answered, 'Well if he's a good vicar, he needs it. If he isn't, the congregation need it.'

A boat crashed onto rocks and began to sink. 'Does anyone know how to pray?' shouted the skipper.

'Yes, I do,' cried an enthusiastic Christian, jumping to his feet.

'Good' said the skipper. 'You pray, the rest of us will put on our life-jackets. We're one short!'

Quiz

- 1.How many squares are there in total in a Sudoku grid based on nine numbers?
- 2.Which TV soap featured the character Mrs Mangel?
- 3.The city of Lincoln gave its name to a shade of what colour?
- 4.Which Engine had friends called Terence the tractor and Bertie the Bus?
- 5.Which Sue was the first female presenter of 'Desert Island Discs'?

Healthy Eating

- 1.Which celebrity chef was credited with removing 'Turkey Twizzlers' from school menus?
- 2.Which porridge ingredient helps keep cholesterol levels down?
- 3.Mozzarella is a low fat cheese originally from which country?
- 4.Which anagram of brief is an important food element?
- 5.Which nutrient, the name of a metal, ensures healthy blood and prevents anaemia?

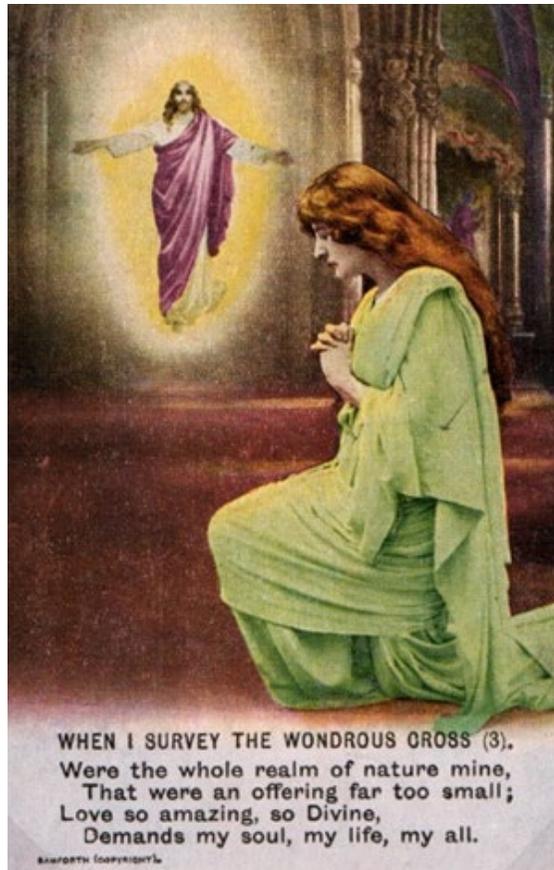
Anagram

What is the only English anagram of ALLEGORIST?

Answers
1.81 2.Neighbours 3.Green 4.Thomas the Tank Engine 5.Sue Lawley
Healthy Eating
1.Jamie Oliver 2.Oats 3.Italy 4.Fibre 5.Iron
Anagram LEGISLATOR

From the collection of David Richard's

Bamforth Postcards were once very popular and now sought after by collectors. The company was started in 1868; Bamforth, a painter and decorator located in Holmfirth diversified when he bought a Mr Ferguson's photographic business. He went on to create family portraits; some of them in carte-de- visite format which in turn led to high quality cards being produced. His range was extensive including religious cards. There are from the turn of the Twentieth Century.



Hello everyone and Happy Easter. Now. I know that everyday feels the same at the minute, but not this one This day is literally the greatest day in history. A day to celebrate. Many celebrate with chocolate...so let's see how many types of chocolate can you name in the Easter story?

A Malteaster story?

We've been thinking of this topic of Easter throughout Lint. I'm sure that you already know the story because you are all smarties, but we'll recap just before we chomp our way through all of our chocolate.

Jesus, the son of God, the one who made the galaxy and the milky way and the planets and the magic stars and all kinds of marvellous creations came down to live on earth just like us. You know, the Christmas story where he was , bournville in Bethlehem. It says in the Bible that although he was divine, he was also fully human, just like you and me although he might have had curly wurly hair. Unlike you and me, he lived a perfect life with no sins. But his life was no picnic, let me tell you.

Now all of this talk of chocolate.... It's just so tempting. I might just eat some. I know, I'm a bit of a flake but I need a boost and it's so delicious and i've got the munchies!

Jesus was tempted by the Devil, whose envy for Jesus was green & black was his heart, when he spent time out in the wilderness; forty days and forty nights all on his Toblerone. He was so hungry but he was strong and he didn't give in even when things got rocky.

Now a lot of people didn't really like Jesus and that's kind of the same today. Some people think that if you believe in God, you're a bit of a fruit and nut. They might whisper but that's okay. Back then, though, when Jesus said he was the Son of God, people thought he was lion. How dairy milk it they thought! Because of that he had a huge bounty on his head and because of that his friend Judas betrayed him for 30 coins.

Soldiers walnut whip Jesus and hit him with a club. Then they thought it would be funny to twirl together a crown of thorntons and put it on his

head. They nailed him to a cross to the sound of snickers and jokes and they stuck an airo in his side.

Sometime after eight he died. Then they took him away to Cadbury him in a tomb.

But we know what happens next the most incredible thing in three days. He came back to life. Angels came to rolo way the stone and Jesus was back like the most super of heroes.

Jesus roses from the dead and so let the celebrations begin.

Jesus died for everyone all: young, rich, poor, even if they're living on buttons and don't have a daim.

But why? Well, it says in John 3:16 for God so loved the world. Love.

But even though he went through all of that, when it comes to the crunchie, we still fudge it. Much to his sadness we drift away from him. All the nasty twix we play on each other and all the bad things we do think and say (our sins) mars our friendship with God.

Jesus died so that friendship would be mended and so that we can revel in his goodness. He will counters as his friend and just like him we can have new life.

Jesus' death and rising again is yorkie to a life with God. So that's the riesen we have Easter eggs. This symbolize the new life that Jesus gives to all that believe in him.

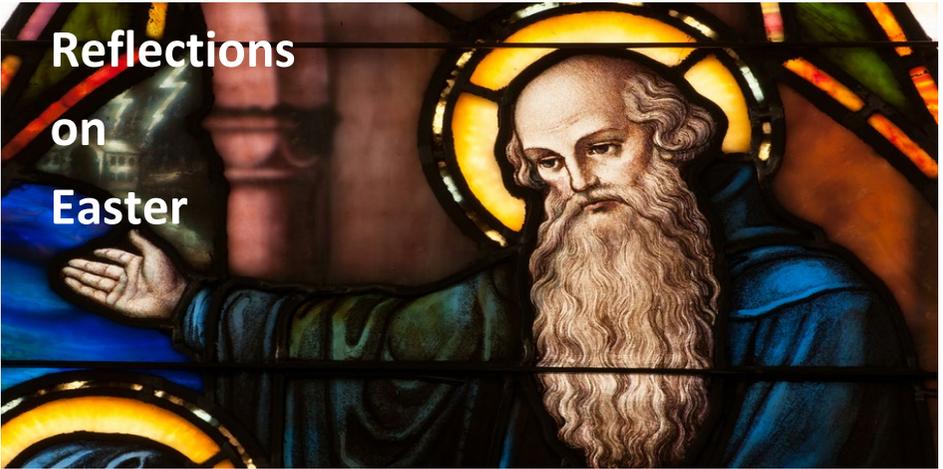
So that Easter morning changed the world forever and caused a ripple throughout eternity.

The tomb was empty to everyone's amazement just like our easter eggs.

And when all is said and done, there's never been a kinder surprise.

How many types of chocolate did you count? **There is a prize for the first person to text Carl (07900497326) with the correct number.**

Reflections on Easter



“Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about.”

Tom Wright

“If man had his way, the plan of redemption would be an endless and bloody conflict. In reality, salvation was bought not by Jesus' fist, but by His nail-pierced hands; not by muscle but by love; not by vengeance but by forgiveness; not by force but by sacrifice. Jesus Christ our Lord surrendered in order that He might win; He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by allowing death to conquer Him.” — A.W. Tozer,

If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ~ 1 Corinthians 15:14

Jesus did not die on the cross just so we could live comfortable, well-adjusted lives. His purpose is far deeper: He wants to make us like himself before he takes us to heaven. This is our greatest privilege, our immediate responsibility and our ultimate destiny. ~ Rick Warren

Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with the resurrection. ~ Watchman Nee

Easter is always the answer to “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me!” ~ Madeleine L’Engle

A dead Christ I must do everything for; a living Christ does everything for me. Andrew Murray

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ~ Jesus Christ – John 11:25, 26

It wasn’t nails that held him to the cross but his love for you and me.

Earth’s saddest day and gladdest day were just three days apart.

1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given

Jesus didn’t say “I am finished.” He said, “It is finished.” He was just getting started.

If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn’t rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead.

– Timothy Keller

We live and die; Christ died and lived!

– John Stott

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. – Romans 6:9

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.” — Pope John Paul II (Karol Wojtyła)

Easter Sunday 2021

Call to Worship

The risen Christ came and stood among them and said:
'Peace be with you.'
Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

(Based on John 20: 19-20)

Pray -

Father God, we come to you
because you turn doubt into hope,
tears into laughter
and fear into fearlessness.
We come to you
because on Easter Sunday
and on every other day,
we can say, 'Jesus is alive!'
Amen.

He is risen indeed hallelujah

Sing song 276

Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay:

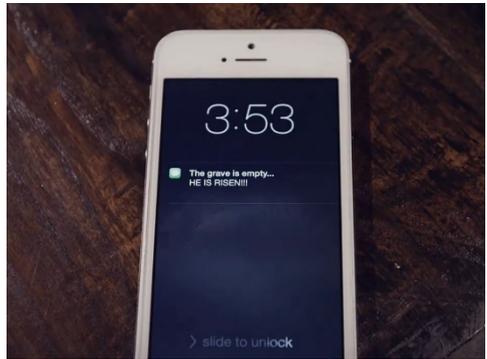
There is the story of the Salvation Army officer who phoned the hall one Sunday morning to say he could not lead the meeting as he was ill and had to stay in bed. But it was a lie, because he was actually driving towards the golf course and about to play a round of golf. God said to his angels. “Watch how I’m going to punish him.”

The Major could not believe it – every ball he hit, God made sure it went straight into the hole. Every hole. He hit it in first time - A perfect round. The angels said to God “how is that punishment?”. God smiled and said “who is he going to tell?”

We have incredible news this morning don’t we?

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Who are you going to tell?



It was great to listen to Rabbi Cliff on Thursday as he explained how Jewish families celebrate Passover – he was thoughtful, challenging and very funny. And I really want to invite some other church and faith leaders to share with us – we can learn so much.

One thing we that our Christian friends remind us is the creed – in some fellowship this will be said every week – that of course is not very Salvation Army – but we can learn from it.

Creed means belief. Its what I know to be true – and as we think about telling others – it’s a great place to start – this is our faith.

Read it with me

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

On the third day he rose again

He has risen – He has risen indeed - Hallelujah

Who are you going to tell?

Sing 204

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father,
For giving us your Son,

The General's Easter Message



Resurrection Life

The Easter story resonates with life and hope, and how we desperately need these in our world today. Through the years of the Old Testament, we clung to the hope in the prophecies of a Messiah. Through the silence of the years between the Old and New testaments, we clung to the hope that God had not forgotten his people or his promises. Then that hope took on flesh and blood in the person of Jesus and we witnessed for ourselves that God had remembered the cries of his people, confirming that our hope was not in vain.

We witness a Jesus who taught and modelled forgiveness and love, who partied with tax collectors, dined with sinners, spoke with women of dubious morals, condemning no one. We see for ourselves a glorious mixture of grace and truth. We are caught in awe and wonder as Jesus turned water into wine, gave sight to the blind, made the lame walk, cast out demons, healed the leper, controlled the wind and waves, and we see for ourselves the inexhaustible power of God.

On Good Friday it appeared as though hope had gone as the life flowed out of Jesus' body. This irresistible man of captivating parables, insightful teaching and miracles, with the ability to impact the very fabric of society and people to the utmost depths of their being, was killed on a cross and placed in a tomb. It looked and felt like someone had turned out the light and put a lid on our hope. Then something truly remarkable, life-transforming and world-changing happened: the stone was rolled away, the graveclothes left in a pile – because Jesus was alive! The light was more glorious than ever, and our hope found new heights.

Easter is not simply a remembrance of something that happened in the past – but as we celebrate it we remind ourselves that the resurrection life is to be an everyday experience. The pandemic we are experiencing makes it feel, at times, similar to Good Friday – as though the light has been turned off and a lid put on our hope. There are many circumstances in life that may cause us to feel like that – natural disasters, illness, unemployment, divorce, drug addiction, bankruptcy, domestic violence, racism. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ remind us that God is with us in every circumstance, that he is bigger and more powerful than any circumstance, and that God specialises in the miraculous and the impossible.

When we have given up on ourselves, God still believes in us. When we feel like we are unloved, God shows us Jesus. When we feel like we have made the biggest mistake of our lives, Jesus provides forgiveness. When we are suffocating in the darkness, God shines the light of his presence. When we are despairing, Jesus provides hope.

You see this resurrection life is a full, abundant, complete and whole life. This resurrection life is a new life, because it is life in Christ and, as such, is free from condemnation. This resurrection life starts the minute we accept Christ as Saviour and continues for all eternity. This resurrection life is dynamic, because the power of God is unleashed in us. The change starts on the inside and transforms how we view everything.

On that first Easter morning the disciples were still experiencing Roman occupation and all that came with it, but the realisation that Jesus was alive and that every promise had been fulfilled changed everything. They now had an eternal view, they understood that sin and death had been conquered, that the Kingdom was indeed a spiritual Kingdom and that God reigned supreme over everything. Such understanding would change how they viewed and responded to life in this world because the glorious light of Christ shone in their lives and the hope of eternity was secured. They would never be the same again – just as we will never be the same again if we claim that same resurrection power.

May God bless you as you celebrate the risen Christ. Amen.

Prayer

What have we heard?

We have heard the Good News!

What have we seen?

We have seen the Good News!

What have we shouted?

We have shouted the Good News!

What have we sung?

We have sung the Good News!

Now what do we do?

Now we go out and live the Good News!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

O Lord,

Risen, alive and full of grace.

You paid such a price that we may live in freedom today.

We worship your holy name and give thanks for your redeeming grace.

Heavenly Father,

May we drink in your tender love so that we can pour this love out to others.
Come reign in our hearts, minds and spirits.

Holy Spirit,

We welcome you to blow through our every word, action and thought.
Come transform us on the inside so that each day we become more like our
risen Lord.

Sing

Come and see, come and see
Come and see the King of love
See the purple robe and crown of thorns he wears
Soldiers mock, rulers sneer
As he lifts the cruel cross
Lone and friendless now he climbs towards the hill
We worship at your feet
Where wrath and mercy meet
And a guilty world is washed
By love's pure stream
For us he was made sin
Oh, help me take it in
Deep wounds of love cry out 'Father, forgive'
I worship, I worship
The Lamb who was slain.

I said on Friday that there may be countless people we need to apologise to
because we never told them properly about the cross.

Do you think it might be the same for the tomb?

How often have we been able to explain that Jesus is alive – like they
discovered on that first Sunday – he was not in the tomb – he had risen.

Do you think you would be bolder if we were persecuted for our faith -?

You probably do not recognise the name Nikolai Ivanovich Bukharin. He became one of the most powerful men on earth as Stalin's right-hand man in the 1920s in the Soviet Union. He was determined to destroy faith – responsible to tearing down churches, imprisoning and killing Christians and speaking and writing politically on the evils of religion. This was at the time when Sundays were banned – this happened for 11 years – to ensure people could not go to church. He was determined to destroy faith

The story is told of Bukharin travelling to Kiev in 1930 to address a huge assembly on the subject of atheism. Addressing the crowd he aimed his attack at Christianity hurling insults, argument, and proof against it. An hour later he was finished. He looked out at what seemed to be the smouldering ashes of men's faith. "Are there any questions?" Bukharin asked, knowing that no one would dare challenge what he had said. Deafening silence filled the auditorium but then one man approached the platform and mounted the lectern standing near the communist leader. He surveyed the crowd first to the left then to the right. Finally he shouted the greeting that has been beloved by Russian Christians for centuries: "CHRIST IS RISEN!"

Immediately the crowd got to their feet – everyone of them and the response came crashing like the sound of thunder: "HE IS RISEN INDEED!"

Sing song 218

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Being a Christian in Russia is not as dangerous as it was then – but pray still for the evangelical church and for The Salvation Army because the Russian state favours the Orthodox church and there is not the freedom that is needed.

But North Korea remains a place of great difficulty for Christians today – As you listen to this story – say a prayer for all North Koreans who are trying to celebrate the Risen Lord today.

This is about an elderly woman who spent most of her life in North Korea. She was arrested for trying to escape and spent time in a prison camp along with her husband. She escaped to South Korea and this is what she said

While my husband was in prison, our children visited him. He wanted to pass on his faith, but there were guards everywhere. So he did something simple and profound. He wrote three words on his hand: “Jesus is Alive.” Through that act and seeing their father’s love for them and his God, our children decided to become Christians. Their father was later killed in prison for refusing to renounce his faith.

It’s a challenge – would I have that much faith

A final story. Again, in a country with an atheist regime where to meet for worship could lead to arrest, torture and death. A church is meeting secretly when an armed police officer smashes his way into the building. He goes to the front of the congregation and tell the pastor to sit with the others. He then says I am going to shoot anyone who refuses to denounce their faith. You have one minute to leave this building or I will kill you. In that minute some quietly rose and left. He says the same again. You have one minute. Jesus is dead – if you believe that – then leave and you will not die. More quietly leave. For the final time he says. One minute – If you can say Jesus never rose from the dead you can save yourself and leave now.

After the last group left, the police officer laid his gun on the floor. He looked at those remaining and said –I want to know what you believe – that you believe it so strongly you will die for it.

Jesus is risen – He is risen indeed hallelujah.

But let’s look again at the first time this confession of faith was made

VIDEO

1 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” 8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

Matthew 28:1-10

What I love about this part of the Easter story is the utter excitement when they realised what had happened. Their joy is immeasurable – they cannot keep it to themselves.

But lets just take stock of what their declaration means

Jesus is risen – he is risen indeed hallelujah

We know the basics. Jesus had been killed because he was a challenge to the Jewish authorities. Jesus was killed because the Romans feared he may destabilise their region. Jesus was dangerous.

But it wasn't only that.

The Jews now had new objections to Jesus. They did believe that God could raise people from the dead – you will remember when we looked at Elijah last year – the widow’s son was raised from the dead.

The problem here was you cannot raise the messiah from the dead – in fact more critically – you cannot kill the messiah. And this remains the stumbling block today – Muslims regard Jesus as the greatest of prophets – but he cannot be God – because God could not have been killed. Like the Jews – the Muslims believe that it is impossible to kill God – God would have defeated his enemies – clearly he could never have been killed by them.

And it was a problem for the early church – people were coming to faith because the disciples told of the teaching of Jesus – the miracles of Jesus and indeed the miracles that the Holy Spirit was doing within the early Christian church. But many – because of their Jewish or Greek heritage – refused to accept that Jesus was killed and then rose again.

Paul has to battle with many in the early church who were saying the cross and the tomb are too difficult to accept – lets base our evangelism on good works – the love and kindness the church has learned from Jesus.

Can you see that in some ways nothing much has changed. To a sceptical world it is much easier for the church to be social activists, to care for the environment, to speak out on poverty or neglect – be pioneers in the work to stop trafficking. All very good. But is not the cross- and its not the empty tomb

Paul wrote this to the church in Corinth

And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and

you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. (1 Corinthians 15:14-19)

So to declare

Jesus is risen – he is risen indeed hallelujah was more dangerous than you first think.

What makes it worse is that the original witnesses were women – please don't throw things at me – hear me out – 2000 years ago the word of a woman did not count in law. A female witness was never taken seriously - women weren't regarded as capable of being legal witnesses.

What was Jesus doing? He should have appeared to the men – and he should have appeared so clearly that they would all have recognised him – no mistakes – no gardeners, no strangers on the beach, no hitch hikers walking alongside. Evidence that would stand up in court.

The official explanation given by the Jews for Jesus' missing body was that it was stolen by his followers while the soldiers slept. Yet no one can take that seriously. The punishment for falling asleep on duty was death, so why would any soldier admit to falling asleep unless they knew they were safe from punishment because their superior officers had instructed them?

So was Jesus risen? Was He risen indeed hallelujah?

Was there enough evidence? Today many will say the story is made up – but why would anyone make up the story if it was not true?

The teachings of Jesus alone – the miracles and the growth of the new church would surely have been enough. If it were a lie – why would you persist in telling it? You would have much greater support for your new church if you kept the religious and military authorities on your side.

What's not to like – a group of devout people who provide food for the hungry, take care of the sick, and have sorted racial prejudice by welcoming everyone into their new group.

Your safety and protection were guaranteed. Just stop talking about Jesus.

Yet they kept talking about Jesus . All the apostles whose deaths we know about died because they refused to change their minds on this. And it didn't stop with them - the resurrection of Jesus has got millions of people killed – and we might have sympathy if they preferred to keep quiet about it.

But they couldn't.

Telling people about kindness, showing love, speaking out against injustice is still so much easier without the resurrection, but as Paul said – what would be the point?

He is risen – he is risen indeed hallelujah

So why do we believe that. And why do we think it is essential that we tell other people about it.

Incidentally, in your newsletters there are 15 ways that you can help explain why believing in the resurrection is logical – but logic is not a reason.

We are the reason

As little children we would dream of Christmas morn
Of all the gifts and toys we knew we'd find
But we never realized a baby born one blessed night
Gave us the greatest gift of our lives

We were the reason that He gave His life
We were the reason that He suffered and die
To a world that was lost, He gave all He could give
To show us the reason to live

As the years went by we learned more about gifts
The giving of ourselves and what that means
On a dark and cloudy day, a man hung crying in the rain
All because of love, all because of love
And we were the reason that He gave His life

I've finally found the reason for living
It's in giving every part of my heart to Him
In all that I do, every word that I say
I'll be giving my all just for Him, for Him

Don't you know that you are the reason
That He came oh He came to save us
When He gave His life for us, He suffered and died
To a world that was lost He gave
Everything that He had He gave
To show us the reason to live

15 pieces of logic – one reason

John 3:16

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

If you want to know why Jesus rose it is simply that. He loved us so much that he did not want us to die. Look at our turbulent world, only the power of the resurrection can guarantee peace to our torn and chaotic world. ...

The resurrection is the greatest event in human life and without it, there is no salvation, no victory over sin and no eternal life.

Who will you tell?

He is risen – he is risen indeed hallelujah

Sing 358

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own;
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Benediction

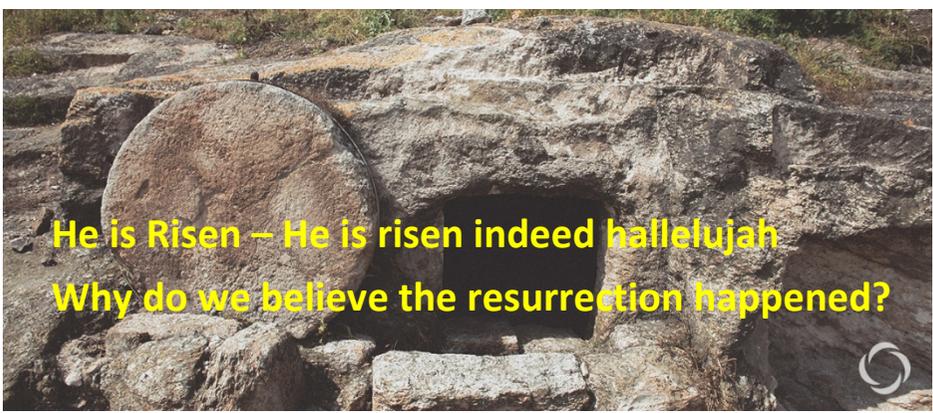
Go now as God's chosen witnesses
to testify that Christ has been raised
and that we are raised with him.

Do not look for him among the dead,
but be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

And may God raise you from all that would entomb you;
May Christ Jesus call you by name and go ahead of you;
And may the Holy Spirit empower you for all that is good.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ.

Amen.



**He is Risen – He is risen indeed hallelujah
Why do we believe the resurrection happened?**

1. There was an empty Tomb
2. The Tomb had a Roman seal
3. The Tomb had a Roman guard stationed there
4. The Tomb had a stone in front of it
5. There were post-resurrection appearances, to hundreds
6. The witnesses to the resurrection were prepared to die for it
7. There is still a Church
8. Jesus prophesied that it was going to happen
9. It was prophesied in the Old Testament
10. The day of worship changed
11. The practices of sacrifice changed
12. It is unique among other world religions; only Jesus rose from the dead.
13. Those who believe it are different (they have the witness in themselves)
14. The miraculous ending fits a miraculous life
15. (and the only answer we really need) . . . Jesus is still the answer

Easter Word Search

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