

HE'S ALIVE—THE VICTORY OF JESUS

Luke 24:7

'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' ?"

At the cross and the resurrection Jesus wages a war and comes out the Victor. He W.O.N.

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W. IS FOR _____.

The resurrection shows Jesus victory over false religion. The resurrection is the ultimate vindication of all of his claims.

Luke 24:21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.

Romans 1:4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed (declared) the Son of God in power^[a] by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

The resurrection verifies every truth claim that Jesus ever made about Himself. It validates all of his teaching.

So when he says in John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Colossians 2:15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.¹

O. IS FOR _____. The resurrection shows Jesus victory over adversity.

Romans 6:4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

This is a new life of an overcomer a conqueror.

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who^[a] have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."^[a] ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,^[b] 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.

N. IS FOR _____ The resurrection shows Jesus victory over sin and it's final result death.

Romans 8:11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of^[e] his Spirit who lives in you.

1 Corinthians 15:55 Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?"^[a]

John 14:1-2 Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^[a] ; believe also in me.² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

CONCLUSION:

Author Lee Strobel sums up the importance of Easter with the following statement: "The Resurrection is the supreme vindication of Jesus' divine identity and his inspired teaching. It's the proof of his triumph over sin and death. It's the foreshadowing of the resurrection of his followers . It's the basis of Christian hope. It's the miracle of all miracles."

The way that you become a fully devoted follower of Jesus is as follows:

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.

Romans 10:9

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Acts 2:38

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit