

# **Easter @ Evangel**

## *The Case for Easter*

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*I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. <sup>4</sup> He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. 1 Cor 1:3-4 (NLT)*

### **Easter - Is It True or Is It A Lie?**

*For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. <sup>15</sup> And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. <sup>16</sup> And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless, and you are still guilty of your sins. <sup>18</sup> In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! <sup>19</sup> And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. 1 Cor. 15:13-19 (NLT)*

#### **Implications of No Resurrection:**

- There is No Hope.
- Life has No Meaning.

*"Let's eat and drink, for tomorrow we die! 1 Cor 15:32 (NLT)*

- You are not Really You.
- Our deepest desires Make No Sense.

#### **Implications of Jesus Resurrection:**

- Hope has a Name.
- Everything Matters.

- You will never Not Be You.
- There is an answer for Every Ache.

*Heaven, once attained, will work backwards, and turn even that agony into a glory.*

*C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce*

## **What Does the Resurrection Mean to Me?**

- My PAST can be forgiven.

*"He has forgiven all our sins... and canceled every record of the debt we owed; Christ has done away with it by nailing it to the cross." Col. 3:14 (JB)*

- My PRESENT PROBLEMS can be managed.

*"How incredibly great is his power to help those who believe Him ... the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead!" Eph. 1:20 (LB)*

*"I am ready for anything through the strength of Christ who lives in me." Phil. 4:13 (Ph)*

- My FUTURE can be secured.

*"This is the way to have eternal life - by knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ, the one he sent to earth!" John 17:3 (LB)*

*But these miracles have been written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and so that you will have life by believing in him. John 20:31 (GW)*

### **Easter Prayer**

*Dear Jesus, I believe you proved you are God by coming back to life. I ask you to forgive my sins that you died for on the cross. I receive You into my life to empower me daily. I commit to live my life for your purposes, and I trust you to take me to heaven when I die. Amen*