

'What The Resurrection Means' Matthew 27, Easter

"At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart, and tombs opened." Matthew 27:51-52

Because of the cross, everyone can reach God _____ in Christ.

"Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long sheet of clean linen cloth. He placed it in his own new tomb, which had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance and left. Both Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting across from the tomb and watching." Matthew 27:59-61; "Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside. When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead!" Mark 16:2-6; "After Jesus rose from the dead early on Sunday morning, the first person who saw him was Mary Magdalene, the woman from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went to the disciples, who were grieving and weeping, and told them what had happened... later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together." Mark 16:9-10, 14

The tomb was opened so the world could _____ and Jesus showed Himself alive again so the world could _____.

"Jesus appeared to them and said... "Don't be upset, and don't let all these doubting questions take over. Look at my hands; look at my feet—it's really me. Touch me. Look me over from head to toe. A ghost doesn't have muscle and bone like this." As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. They still couldn't believe what they were seeing. It was too much; it seemed too good to be true." Luke 24:38-40

1. The resurrection gives _____ to those who believe

"But the truth is that Christ *has* been raised up, the first in a long legacy of those who are going to leave the cemeteries." 1Corinthians 15:20

"The bodies of many godly men and women who had died were raised from the dead. They left the cemetery after Jesus' resurrection, went into the holy city of Jerusalem, and appeared to many people." Matthew 27:52b-53

Jesus' resurrection gives you life _____.

Jesus' resurrection gives you _____ right now.

The _____ God gives is essential for your day to day survival.

"The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness." John 10:10

2. The resurrection gives _____ to those who believe

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

3. The resurrection means a _____ for us who believe

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you." Acts 1:8