

"Our Reason to Rejoice" Easter Sunday  
4/3/94 AM

When Jesus came the first time,  
He came as a baby // when

He comes the second time,  
He will come as a King

He came the first time to a cross / He'll come again  
wearing a crown

When Jesus came the first time,  
He stood before Pilate // when

He comes again, Pilate will  
stand before Him

When Jesus came the 1st time  
men put a sign over His head  
saying, He calls Himself King /

When He comes the 2nd time  
Every knee will bow, and

every tongue will confess  
Him King / Savior & Lord These  
will be no question

We are here today to worship  
& praise the risen Savior /  
King of Kings and Lord of  
Lords // And to anticipate  
His return

We are <sup>also</sup> here to celebrate  
His Resurrection. Oh  
listeners beloved, if you are  
a believer, your heart  
ought to be beating a  
little faster today.

If you are a believer, your  
spirit ought to be lifted  
higher today. If you  
are a believer, you ought  
to cry out with other believers,  
Announcing to the world,  
that because you live, we  
will live also.

In John 11 Vers 25 Jesus  
said: "I Am the Resurrection  
And the Life. He that  
believeth in me, tho he  
were dead, yet shall he  
live."

Do you believe on Jesus? Then  
you will live with Him forever.

Today Our Attention is  
focused on Jesus ~~On His~~  
Death & His Resurrection

Oh listen, there is that  
foundation which all  
Christianity rests on

If you'll read 1 Corinthians  
15:14 you'll find it written,  
"If Christ be not risen, then  
is our faith vain"

Oh listen beloved, if what we  
preach today is not true, we  
have nothing to stand on

If Jesus is still in the  
grave God's word is a lie

But we know better, Amen  
"We have God's word that  
the grave could not hold  
Jesus alive / We have God's  
word that death has been  
defeated — Amen

Now there are those who say  
"Prove It" / "Present your Evidence"

Well let me do that whites

① These were public events <sup>Death</sup> <sub>burial</sub>

② There were hundreds of  
people who saw it happen

③ The events were recorded  
in this book we call the  
Bible //

④ Evidence was given that the  
Great Stone was moved away,  
yet no man's hands touched  
it //

⑤ Later people saw  
the living Lord rise to face //

Why was it necessary? // Why  
did Jesus have to die? // Why  
was it necessary for God to  
raise Him from the dead? //

Paul writes in Romans 4:25

"For our justification" //

or "in order that we  
might become acceptable to  
God" //

3/ It became possible by the death of Jesus and his Resurrection rendered his work complete

You see beloved, ① His death alone would have been futile = His work of no consequence if he had not been raised from the dead

Oh listen, "Jesus submitted to death as a sacrifice, and it was needful that he should rise again and thus conquer death"

② His Resurrection was proof that his work was acceptable to the Father

What Jesus had done is done in your behalf and mine was approved by God and to benefit from it, one must believe it and accept it

but Why the Resurrection? "That  
we might be counted worthy  
of Eternal Life"

Listen to John 10:10 from Phillips  
translation "The thief comes  
with the sole intention of  
stealing and killing and  
destroying — but I come to  
bring them life — and for many  
who listen before"

Listen to John 11:25 & 26  
Jesus said: "I myself am  
the resurrection and the life.  
The man who believes in me  
will live, even though he dies.  
And anyone who is alive and  
believes in me will never  
die at all." (speaking of the Rapture)

Now I don't want to hurt your feelings  
but there is no way that the best  
of us could be counted worthy by our  
good deeds. No way could the holiest  
among us gain heaven on our merit

4/ Jesus had to die for our sins!  
And His Resurrection was God's  
way of acknowledging His  
pleasure in Jesus finished work  
on the cross //

Did you notice what Jesus said  
to Martha, the sister of Lazarus //

<sup>you see</sup> "There would be no life  
after death were it not  
for Jesus" // "There would be

no "Victory" if the stone were  
still in place ~~beloved~~ // We  
would have no reason to be here  
if there had been no Resurrection

Today we celebrate our Lord's

Victory // Today believers as  
one say: "We claim the victory  
made possible by our Lord

Jesus" // "His Victory made  
ours possible" Amen //

Do you understand what I'm saying?

Today we celebrate the fact that  
somewhere out there on  
that first Resurrection Day

almost 2000 years ago (Actually  
long before that) //

A Satan was told one day by  
a teacher of young children

As he tried to impress on  
their hearts the victory  
of Jesus the Lord: "when  
the crucified body of Jesus  
was placed in the tomb, Satan  
sent his demons to guard the  
tomb to make certain that  
Jesus could not come out / But

on the 3rd day the demons  
returned back to hell to  
report to their master they  
said: "We could not hold  
him / He got away" / He's  
alive

Oh listers / because God was  
satisfied with the sacrifice  
of Jesus "No power could  
have held him captive  
in the grave" / And behold

I don't know about you, But  
I'm here to celebrate that /  
I'm here claiming a  
Victory in Jesus



5/ And Beloved, "God's Word Says

I Can Do That" // "It's My

Right As a Child of God

And I Should Do It

(And So Should you)

Now Why did Jesus do all this  
for us? / What motivated Him  
to leave Heaven, knowing a  
Cross and a Grave was waiting?

It Was Love / It Was Love

that led Jesus to make  
the supreme sacrifice And  
for God to Agree to it

It Was Love that led  
Jesus to allow all these  
terrible things to be done  
to Him during the mock  
trial → And it was

Love that compelled  
the Very Son of God to  
complete the job that  
He agreed to "Before  
the Foundation of the World"

oh listen, "True Love Leads  
to Action" (It always does) //

You see

It was love that led these  
women to seek Jesus out  
that 1st. Resurrection Morn //

It was love that led them  
to bring gifts of sweet  
spices to complete burial  
preparations //

(Can you listening, Beloved) //

It's also true love of the  
Lord that moves Believers  
to make Commitments Openly //

It's true love that Compels  
An Appreciative Believer to  
say, "I Surrender all" //

And

It's true love of appreciation  
of the works of Jesus  
that leads a Believer to  
say, "Here Am I Use Me" //

6/ Let me tell you this also,  
"I am here in Never Discouraged  
By Obstacles" // "Never Discouraged  
By Difficult Situations" //

God's Word tells us that  
the women expected the  
huge stone to be in place  
yet they went anyway —  
Love caused it

It tells us that ~~the~~ following  
Jesus in that day could  
be life threatening — yet  
Joseph of Arimathea and  
Nicodemus went to Pilate,  
asking permission to bury  
the body of Jesus (They did  
it openly) //

Let me tell you Beloved,  
I am here in deep appreciation  
for the Lord takes a timid  
servant & makes it bold enough  
to take a public stand  
for Jesus — //

The Women Could Have  
Given Up - Believing they  
would face Soldiers As  
well as a Great Host -

But True Love would  
not allow it -

And here's something else  
~~And~~ True Love is Rewarded //

The Women Went to the  
Tomb to Anoint the dead  
Body of Jesus - They went out  
of love - //

Instead they found Angels  
And the living Lord Jesus //

(What a Reward)

They came weeping / But left  
Rejoicing - They came

Discouraged - But left

Encouraged // They came

Walking slowly - But left  
Running to show the Good  
News - "He's Alive" Just

As He Said : //

7/ True Love & Appreciation of  
The Lord is Compelling  
It always expresses itself  
in Actions —

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Could We Ever Our Heads And  
Close our Eyes —

Why Are You here Today?  
I hope it's to Celebrate  
the Resurrection of The  
Lord Jesus — I hope it's  
because you believe He did  
it for you — But let me Ask

Do You Love Deep Enough / And  
your Appreciation Great enough  
to Compell you to make a  
Commitment to Him Today?

Would you come Dear Loved  
persons Saying to Jesus, "I  
Love You Enough to make my  
Life Avail able to you"  
"I Surrender All"

Is your love deep enough /  
And your appreciation strong  
enough to lead you to come  
forward And by doing so says  
"Here am I, use me"

True love is compelling / It  
expresses itself in Commitment—  
Will you express your love  
today in a public manner— In  
a public Commitment—

Don't just believe you are not  
here by accident— you are  
here because God loves you,  
and because His Holy Spirit  
brought you here—

Now that you are here, Consider  
this, "Jesus died for you too"  
He shed His blood for you too"  
He took your sins to His cross—  
And He will love you if  
you will love Him—

8/ you need to believe what  
you've heard about Him today  
you must tell God you  
believe it - then invite  
Jesus into your heart -

would you do that right where  
you are - then come share the  
wonderful news with those people  
who love you so much.

Are you saved / Believing that  
God would have you join His  
Body of Believers - then you  
come when we say & we  
will explain how you too  
become a member here.

Remember: Love is compelling -  
It will not allow a truly  
appreciative person to sit on  
hand still - when you come,  
it will be an expression of  
your love here.

Let's Go