

Smvaise Service -

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Let's Pray

Will we ~~not~~
Come to worship the
Lord and we

On that first Easter morning
there were many heart broken
people in and about Jerusalem

You see,

Several days before they had heard
Jesus cry out to God asking
that those who had nailed
him to the cross along with
those who had been laughing
and calling out insults Be
Forgiven

They had heard Jesus say to
the man on the cross just
to his, "Today ^{thou} shalt ^{be}
with me in Paradise"

They had ^{also} heard Jesus say to
John, "I give you responsibility
of looking after Mary, ^{and}
to Mary Jesus had said, "This
man will care for you as
a son from now on"

These heart Broken people had
heard Jesus cry out, "My God,
My God, why hast thou
forsaken me" ~~oh~~ listens,
The Humanity of Jesus was
Manifest here in a very real
way. ~~He~~ ^{surely} must have felt
all alone. ~~He~~ ^{surely} must have
felt separated from God.

They heard the Man Jesus
cry out, "I Thirst" ~~here~~
was a Man / suspended between
Heaven & Earth & exposed
to the terrible heat of a
Palestine Noon Time.

I am told that one of the
torments of crucifixion was
the unbelievable Thirst associated
with it & Jesus Experienced it.

These sad / disappointed and
fearful followers of Jesus
heard something else,

2/ They heard these magnificent words of victory "It is finished" / ~~And~~ but ~~didn't~~ ^{didn't} ~~understand~~ ^{understand} ~~fully~~

Someone has said of all the great phrases of victory ever uttered / this was the most significant of all ~~of it was~~ /

you see Jesus had accomplished all He had come to do / He had made salvation available to all / ~~He HAD~~ WON A VICTORY FOR US ALSO

And then His followers heard Jesus say to His Father, God, "Into Thy hands I commend my spirit" / And Jesus

~~died~~ ~~(He gave His life / no one took it from Him)~~

They heard it and saw it / ~~It~~ ~~was real to them~~ / ~~Jesus~~ ~~was dead~~ ~~and their hopes were~~ ~~DASHED~~ / They were now, ALONE /

And the Bible says: "Then the disciples went AGAIN into their own homes" / (It was a sad sight)

Time seen people leave this
place with heads down and
eyes filled with tears / They
felt defeated & alone

Some have said: "It's all
over now" And I would have
to believe the followers of
our Lord might have voiced
these words too As they headed
home / Not knowing what lay ahead

You see Beloved / Their DREAMS
had been shattered // All the
things they had hoped for
as Jesus was gone - // So
they thought -

These words would say: "When the
angels from had come down
made their way to the tomb
where they had laid down
Jesus - (Matt. 28:1)

Many Marag dal me was one
of these -

3/ This One who had been
forgiven of so much by
Jesus made her way to the
tomb with the heaviest of
hearts - She had come to do
a final service to her Lord.

John tells us that Mary stood
outside the tomb weeping.

Then she looked inside the
open tomb - and where the
body of Jesus had once lay.
There sat 2 Angels -

They asked why she was weeping,
and she said, "Because someone
has taken the body of Jesus,
and I have no idea where
they have taken it" (John 20:13)

Oh listen, her heart was troubled.
She had no peace - No Hope.

And just turning the corner
of the tomb she told him her
story. Not knowing that was
the resurrected Jesus.

when Jesus made Hisself known
to many, all her fears
left her, And Peace flooded
her soul. // (Knowing Jesus
as Lawgiver = And Acknowledging
Him As Lord will do that
Believed" Amen)

oh listen, "Many saw Jesus
alive" / "He who had died for
the sins of the world was
alive" / And Peace came to
her. // It always will when we ^{Acknow} _{ledge}

This One who took your
sins and more As His Very Own
Ours was alive. // People saw
Him / And talked with Him /
And one even felt the
Nail wounds in His hand
And the Lion wound in
His side Joyfully said "Ho Theos" //
"My Lord & my God"

And their message to all who
would listen was "The Lord
is risen Indeed" Praise God

4/ Let me tell you Beloved,
We are here today Because
Jesus is alive. Amen
We are ~~not~~ here to worship the SUN - but rather
The SON
We are here today to Celebrate
His Victory / Making it possible
for you and me to have the
same Victory

Jesus said: "Because I Live"
ye shall live also. That's
The Victory we speak of Beloved
I believe that's why I'm here
What about you

Today Believers all over the
world cry out, "He is Risen"
"He who died and was buried,
is alive - by the greatest
demonstration of power Ever
Raising Jesus up from the
dead. We are here because of it
People have asked, Was it
Necessary? And the answer
is Absolutely

you see Our Lords Resurrection
was Necessary // "For if Jesus
is Not Alive / then we have
No hope of living Again //

Several Days Ago I walked
thru North Creek Cemetery Looking
at Names on Tombstones - //

I saw a number whose
funeral I breached // And my
mind went back to times I
heard many of them say,

"I have No Fear, For
Knowing Jesus As my Lord
assures me of a life
with Him after this
one" (Because ^{They were saying} He lives, I will live also)

I heard many of those say
before death came, "because
Jesus conquered death and
the grave, I too claim
the same victory" // Let me
ask "Can you make that claim?" //

5/ I heard one Christian child
of God say, "Bro Wayne, tell
people not to weep for me / Just
tell them that I'm going
home // tell them that the
Resurrection of Jesus made
it possible" //

Oh Listeners,
I came here today Assured
of a Victory // I came here
today with a peace that
goes beyond anything I
could imagine — // Not knowing
what tomorrow holds - but who holds

I come here knowing in my
heart that one day the Graves
of all who died in the Land
will burst wide open / And ^{knowing}
there will be a great Resurrection
in the sky of Body & Soul //
Not the old Body / But
a New One // One like
that of Jesus // His
Death / Burial & Resurrection made
it possible —

I know that our Lord Jesus
will come back ⁱⁿ all His
Glory to get all ^{these} Belonging
to the Family of God who
are still alive ~~Also~~ It could
be any time — Even Today —

Now someone may recall that I
said that last year — / They
may even doubt His coming
because it hasn't happened
yet — But let me assure
you, "This Book we call the
Bible says, "No one knows the
Day or the Hour," but He
assured it will happen /

And it's one year closer today
than last year — Amn //

Are you ready to meet Him? //

If it were today, could
you say, "Even so, come
Lord Jesus" //

Such I hope so — altered the

6/ When Jesus met with the
Believers the first time after
his Victory over the Grave
He said: "Be not Afraid"
(John 20:19)

He was saying to them: "If you
know me / you have no need
to fear -" / "If you know
me, you have my word
that I'll be with you always" /
"If you know me, you
have my word that because
I live, you shall live also" / His
Resurrection Assures us of it

Oh listen / We who believe the
word of God are here
today in celebration - We
are here to say to the world
"There is Victory in Jesus"

We are here to say "He went
away / but He's coming back /
"We have His word on it"

Did you come today **NEEDING**

~~need~~ Assurance? **And**

you come hoping to hear
something to lift your spirits?

Oh listening we showed things
that say "we can be sure" //

We showed lots of things
that will lift the hearts
of those who have heard
with their hearts - // Things

like "He finished the work God
sent Him to do", "making
salvation possible for all

manhood - // We said, because
He lives, we can live also" (we have God's
word on it)

We said: "He won a victory
assuming all who believe in
Him a victory" (and He did)

Did you come today with questions?

"If we were not answered then you
would be glad to stay here and
try to do so for you" // I mean
that.

7/ Did you come today to worship
a living Jesus / or Reanimated
Lord? // If so you come
for the right reason // "He's
Not Here - He's been raised up again."

But it doesn't end there // We
need to tell the world - "Jesus
is Risen Indeed" // We need
to tell the world, that "because
Jesus lives, they too live also -"

Let's make it a matter
of prayer - Every hand raised
every eye closed

(Prayer of Celebration)

Before we go. And if you mess it,
say with me - "Jesus is Risen
Indeed -" If you believe it,
say with me - "Because He lives,
I will live with Him forever -"

Praise God: "Go in peace,
"Jesus is coming again" -

Shout it from the Roof tops —

We told you last year that
when believers met after
the Resurrection and
Ascension, they greeted
each other by saying in
"MARRATHA" meaning
"The Lord Cometh"
"Our Lord Cometh"

say it to someone as you
leave right now because He Is

You are invited to
stay & have breakfast
with us in our family
in Life Building