

Jesus is Alive! Jesus is Alive!

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Text: Matthew 28, 1 Corinthians 15

1. You can beat death! *John 11:25, 1 Corinthians 15:1-22*

Jesus says in John 11:25, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies." Martin Luther is quoted saying, "Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." Look outside at the trees on this beautiful Spring morning. God's creation is telling you right now that it is true.

2. You can get a new resurrected body. *1 Corinthians 15:35-54*

We are going to get a new body! For some of us who have been trying to get ours in shape without success, that's good news! For those who have disabilities, that's even better news! It's going to a different kind of body that doesn't decay. Doesn't have an expiration date. Doesn't start to go south as you get older. It's going to last forever! That's a long time!

3. Living for Jesus will bring great reward. *Matthew 25:21, Luke 19:17, 1 Corinthians 15:55-58*

He will richly reward those who are faithful with their talents and giftings here on Earth. It's as simple as going to the grocery store and asking the checker if they have heard the Good News! Many are waiting for some good news in the middle of our stay at home period. Tell them the Good News is that Jesus rose from the dead! That His death on the cross paid for our sins and that we need to believe that and put our trust in Him. He is the cure for our sin. He is the cure for the invisible enemy that is killing people and sending them to hell. The biggest virus is sin. Jesus is the cure.

4. Believe and you will rise too! *John 1:12, 1 Thessalonians 4:17, 2 Peter 3:3-18*

There is a resurrection of the dead. Jesus is coming back for us. This world is not our own. It will one day be destroyed by fire. We're just passing through. There will be a new heaven and earth. At the sound of the trumpet the dead in Christ will rise and those who are still alive will be caught up and meet Jesus in the air. We will rise and live forever with Christ! That will be a glorious day! Encourage each other with these words.