

## ***He Has Risen, As He Said***

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Praise be to Him who gives us hope and sustains us in trouble to pursue life in this difficult world until He comes and we will live with Him forever. ***“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth.” (1 Peter 2:22)*** He was crucified and He died on the cross for our sin. His body was buried. ***“After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.” (Matthew 28:1)***

The Bible speaks about the visit of the women to the tomb of Jesus. In other passage, it speaks that these women brought spices so that they may anoint the body of Jesus, the body of their Saviour, the Lord who died for them on the cross. They wanted to preserve His body because they loved Him; they loved the One who saved their lives.

But as the women were approaching the tomb of the Lord Jesus, ***“There was a violent earthquake, for an angle of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.” (Matthew 28:2-4)*** then the angel who rolled back the stone brought the good news to them: ***“Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay.” (Matthew 28:5-6)***

***1- He has risen, as He said:*** It is true; He has risen just as He said. Many were trying to stop His resurrection from the dead. Those who were against Jesus went to the Governor Pilate saying, ***“<sup>63</sup> Sir,” they said, “we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ <sup>64</sup> So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.” (Matthew 27:63-64)*** In hearing this, Pilate ordered: ***“Take a guard, go, and make the tomb as secure as you know how.” So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting a guard.” (Matthew 27:65-66)***

Jesus actually has risen just as He said, despite of all their measures. And when the women spread the news about Jesus’ resurrection from the dead His enemies did again a plan: ***“When the chief priests has met with elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, ‘You are to say, His disciples came during the night and stole Him away while we are asleep.’ (Matthew 28:12-13)***

But Jesus has risen from the dead just as He said, and many have seen Him. Proofs and evidences have become so well-known to many and have spread all over the world. Paul wrote, ***“For what I received I passed on to you as one of first importance: That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the scriptures, and that He appeared to Peter, and then to the twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of who are still living, though some has fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all He appeared to me also.” (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)*** The Bible clearly says that Jesus has risen from the dead, and Scriptures narrates that more than 500 people personally saw Him.

***2- He has risen, as He promised:*** Jesus said. ***“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though He dies; and whatsoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26)*** Jesus promised that whoever believes in Him they will rise like Him from the dead; as it is written: ***“And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you.” (Romans 8:11)*** As Jesus has risen from the dead, the saints who die and their hope is in Him, they will also rise from the dead. ***“The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus’ resurrection they went into the Holy City and appeared to many people.” (Matthew 27:52-53)***

***My dear and beloved:*** The word of God declares, “Anyone who trust in Him will never be out to shame.” He has risen and those who trust in Him they will rise from the dead and live with Him. When Jesus was led to Calvary cross, ***“Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed. When they came to the place called the skull, they crucified Him, along with the criminals – one on His right, the other on His left.” (Luke 27:32-33)*** One of them asked Jesus, ***“Remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered Him, “I tell you the truth tonight you will be with me in Paradise.”*** That thief who was on the cross put his faith in Jesus and that very same moment he received the promised eternal life. He who believes in Him will live, even though He dies, he will be raised from the dead to live forever with the King Eternal, Jesus – the King of the kings and the Lord of the lords.

***“Father God in heaven, I thank You for your words. I thank You for giving me a bonus in this life. I thank You, Lord for your son Jesus Christ who died for me on the cross, was buried and has risen to give me eternal life. Thank You, Lord, for the word of truth that I received from You. O Lord Jesus, strengthen my faith in You and uphold me with your hands until You come again to take me with You to heaven. I praise You, my Lord, and worship You with all my heart, and with all my soul, and with all my strength. You deserve all the praises, adoration and thanksgiving. This is my prayer in Jesus’ name, Amen.”***