



**The Day Fear Died
April 7, 8 & 9, 2023**

4 Unique Testimonies with Identical Critical Facts:

- Jesus was absolutely dead on the cross.
- Jesus was securely placed in a tomb.
- Jesus' body was positively missing.
- Jesus' disciples were courageously transformed by His resurrection.

~ John's Eyewitness Account ~
John 20:1-18 (NLT)

2 Questions this Easter:

1. What are you looking for today?

Luke 24:5-6 (NIV)

In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee..."

2. Are you looking for significance among the dead?

John 20:19-23 (NLT)

That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

**The first words Jesus spoke to His terrified disciples:
"Peace be with you."**

John 20:19-20b (NLT)

... "Peace be with you," ... They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord!

Jesus Calms My Fears By:

1

Proving He is always in control

John 10:18 (NLT)

“No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.”

Jesus controlled:

- When He was born
- When He was crucified
- When He was risen

Daniel 2:20-21 (NLT)

He said, “Praise the name of God forever and ever, for he has all wisdom and power. He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars.”

2

Promising victory over death

John 11:25 (NLT)

Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.”

When I die, death is not the end...

I will live forever somewhere.

John 14:1-3 (NLT)

“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.”

God spent 6 days creating the Earth.

Jesus has spent over 2,000 years creating my _____ in Heaven.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)

That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”

3

Paying the price of my sins

- People say the answer is inside me.
- God says the problem is within, but the answer is from above.

John 3:16 (NLT)

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

Romans 6:23 (NLT)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

I deserve Hell.

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NLT)

For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.

Jesus provided a ransom to save me.

4

Providing the power of the Holy Spirit to transform my life

John 20:22 (NLT)

Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

Ephesians 1:13-14 (TPT)

And because of him, when you who are not Jews heard the revelation of truth, you believed in the wonderful news of salvation. Now we have been stamped with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. He is given to us like an engagement ring, as the first installment of what’s coming! He is our hope-promise of a future inheritance which seals us until we have all of redemption’s promises and experience complete freedom—all for the supreme glory and honor of God!

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