

THE EASTER DIFFERENCE

WHAT DOES THE RESURRECTION MEAN?

IT MEANS...

1. Jesus is who he claimed to be .

*"I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."
--John 11:25 (NIV)*

2. Jesus has the power he claimed to have .

*"All power in heaven and on earth is given to me."
--Matthew. 28:18 (Phillips)*

3. Jesus does what he promises to do .

*"They will mock... and flog... and kill me; but after three days I will come back to life again."
--Mark 10:34 (Living Bible)*

*"The angel said, 'Don't be frightened! I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified, but he isn't here! He has come back to life again, just as he said he would.'"
--Mathew 28:5-6 (Living Bible)*

WHY DOES THE RESURRECTION MATTER?

IT MATTERS BECAUSE NOW ...

1. My past can be forgiven .

*"He has forgiven all our sins... and canceled every record of the debt we owed; Christ has done away with it by nailing it to the cross."
--Colossians. 3:14 (Jerusalem Bible)*

*"There is no condemnation awaiting those who belong to Christ."
--Romans 8:1 (Living Bible)*

2. My present problems can be managed .

*"How incredibly great is his power to help those who believe Him ... the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead!"
--Ephesians 1:20 (Living Bible)*

*"I am ready for anything through the strength of Christ who lives in me."
--Philippians. 4:13 (Phillips)*

3. My future can be secured .

*"This is the way to have eternal life - by knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ, the one he sent to earth!"
--John 17:3 (Living Bible)*

*"We have been born again into a life full of hope through Christ's rising from the dead."
--1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)*