

HOW THE RESURRECTION CHANGED EVERYTHING

He Is Risen
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WHAT MADE THE 1ST CHRISTIANS SO CONTAGIOUS?

1. "In Christ we are **set free** by the blood of his death, and so **we have forgiveness of sins**. How rich is God's grace." Ephesians 1:7 (NCV)

"All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all. He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter . . . Unjustly condemned, he was led away. No one cared that he died without descendants, that his life was cut short in midstream. But he was struck down for the rebellion of my people. He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave . . . Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants." Isaiah 53:6-10 (NLT)

"He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God." Romans 4:25 (NLT)

2. "When we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, we were not telling just clever stories that someone invented. But **we saw the greatness of Jesus with our own eyes**." 2 Peter 1:16 (NCV)

"For forty days after his death he appeared to them many times in ways that proved beyond doubt that he was alive. They saw him, and he talked with them about the Kingdom of God." Acts 1:3 (GNT)

"Christ died for our sins, as the scriptures said he would; that he was buried and rose again on the third day, again as the scriptures foretold. He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve, and subsequently he was seen simultaneously by over five hundred Christians, of whom the majority are still alive, though some have since died. He was then seen by James, then by all the messengers." 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (PHILLIPS)

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"The Holy Spirit will come on you and give you power. You will be my witnesses. You will tell people everywhere about me—in Jerusalem, in the rest of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world." Acts 1:8 (ERV)

"I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great his power is to help those who believe him. It is that same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead." Ephesians 1:19-20 (TLB)

4. "For God **so loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did **not** send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:16-17 (NIV)

Jesus: "I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." John 13:34-35 (NLT)

"This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child . . . This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another." 1 John 3:10-11 (NIV)

5. Jesus: "If you insist on saving your life, you will lose it. Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to **really** live." Mark 8:35 (TLB)

"Who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 15:26 (TLB)

"These troubles and sufferings of ours are, after all, quite small and won't last very long. Yet this short time of distress will result in God's richest blessing upon us forever and ever! So we do not look at what we can see right now, the troubles all around us, but we look forward to the joys in heaven which we have not yet seen. The troubles will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever." 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (TLB)

"For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better." Philippians 1:21 (NLT)

6. "We have been born into a new life which has an inheritance that can't be destroyed or corrupted and can't fade away. That inheritance is **kept in heaven** for you." 1 Peter 1:4 (GW)

"No eye has ever seen or no ear has ever heard or no mind has ever thought of the wonderful things God has made ready for those who love Him."

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLV)

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6 (NIV)

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9 (ESV)

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