

The World's Greatest News Came From A Graveyard

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Text: Matthew 28:5-7

Introduction:

Graveyards are not usually associated with joy and hope. If you are depressed and feeling sad, one of the least likely places in which you would consider finding relief and release is a graveyard. But this scene is different.

I. The Good News

- a) Jesus Christ is alive and because He lives
- b) Love conquers hate
- c) Right conquers wrong
- d) Good conquers evil

II. The Miracle of His presence

- a) He stood in their midst
- b) He said, "It is I, be not afraid"
- c) They shook like a leaf in the wind

III. Fear Not

- a) Our generation has become a fearful generation.
- b) We are prisoners in our homes and in our streets.
- c) We are afraid of each other—our employers, our associates, and colleagues.
- d) Many are afraid to trust their friends and family members.

IV. He is not here; He is risen, and that is certainly good news

- a) Our Lord was lied about, but lies could not hold Him down.
- b) Our Lord was hated, but hate could not hold Him down.
- c) He was killed, but death and the grave could not hold Him down.
- d) All the powers of hell and forces of darkness could not hold Him down.

V. Because He lives

- a) Truth lives
- b) Hope endures
- c) Love triumphs
- d) Righteousness is proven
- e) Salvation has come

VI. Walk by faith, not by sight

- a) Our Lord walks with us and goes before us
- b) He is Victor now, the Winner henceforth, and the Champion forevermore
- c) He is King of kings and He is Lord of lords

And so, from a lonely graveyard comes a message that still gladdens the hearts of people everywhere who hear it—*He lives! He lives! Glory, hallelujah, He lives!*