

## THE RESURRECTION:

“IT’S ESSENTIAL”

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**Jesus’ message  
didn’t advocate  
Liberation or Revolution**

**Jesus’ message  
was all about JESUS**

**He never asked his followers  
to trust in his ideas**

**He instructed his followers  
to trust in Him**

### **Mark 8:27 (NIV)**

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “*Who do people say I am?*”

### **John 1:29 (NIV)**

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, **the Lamb of God**, who takes away the sin of the world!”

### **To Lazarus’ sisters**

### **John 11:25 (NIV)**

Jesus said to her, “***I am the resurrection and the life***. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies...”

### **To his apostles...**

### **John 14:9 (NIV)**

Jesus answered: “*Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the **Father**’?*”

### **When Jesus died...**

- No one believed His **message**
- No one believed His **claims**
- The movement died with **Him**

**Messiahs don’t die  
The Son of God can’t be killed  
Resurrection and Life can’t be crucified**

## **Easter solves History's Mystery**

### **John 20:1-2 (NIV)**

<sup>[1]</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

<sup>[2]</sup>So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

### **Luke 24:11 (NIV)**

But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

### **John 20:3-9 (NIV)**

<sup>[3]</sup>So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.

<sup>[4]</sup>Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

<sup>[5]</sup>He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

<sup>[6]</sup>Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there,

<sup>[7]</sup>as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.

<sup>[8]</sup>Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

<sup>[9]</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

**Jesus' followers didn't reengage  
because of something Jesus **taught****

**Jesus' followers - reengaged  
because of someone they **saw****

### **Acts 3:15 (NIV)**

You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

### **Acts 2:38 (NIV)**

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**The resurrection of Jesus Christ  
solves history's mystery**

The **resurrection** of Jesus Christ  
punctuated the point of his crucifixion:  
the **forgiveness** of sin

**John 3:16 (NIV)**

“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.”