

→if I get cancer OR →(you fill in the blank). *But what happened in Noah's day? When life was going on as NORMAL, then the flood came and destroyed them all – except Noah and his family; they were ready for the flood because they trusted in God and put His Word into practice!*

Conclusion: *Where have we come from AND where are we going?*

- God created all things about 6,000 years ago!
- People fell into sin, *which brought sin and death to all!*
- God promised His Son to be our Savior!
- About 4,000 years later *Jesus lived, died, and rose!*
- Now God is calling all people to have new lives in Jesus!

On that first Easter, Jesus rose victorious over sin, death, and the devil! Even though we deserve the worst, through Jesus we share in His victory! Therefore, let us live 😊with joy, 😊with peace, and 😊with anticipation of His promised return!

And all God's people said: *Amen!*

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Jesus' Resurrection Confirms His Many Promises!

Based On Various Promises
Made By Jesus
As Recorded in Luke's Gospel - NIV



The Resurrection of our Lord – 2010
April 4 → 7:00 & 10:45

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ, about 2,000 years ago, **God became a man in the Person of Jesus** so that we – *through Him* – could be right / forgiven / *just in God's sight!* That is the basic message of the Bible; → *sin kills, but Jesus gives life!*

*But how do we know whether or not such extraordinary things are true? **We know because of Jesus' resurrection!** His rising from the dead confirms His many promises!*

Let's return to Holy Week for a moment. Jesus told what would happen to *the Son of Man*: ³² *He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. ³³ On the third day he will rise again."* (Luke 18:32-33 NIV) Then, just as Jesus promised, **IT HAPPENED!**

In this sermon, I'm going to touch on some key promises made by Jesus *as recorded in the Gospel of Luke*. In every case, I want you to know these promises are true → **because Jesus rose from the dead!**

1. **There is MORE TO LIFE than Temporary Stuff:** *Since Jesus is risen, we know these words of His are true: “A man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions (12:15).”* Some think they are defined by ✦their stuff, ✦their looks, ✦their job, ✦their car, *but someday none of that will matter!* Instead, life SHOULD focus on the risen Jesus: ✦Knowing Him, ✦living for Him, and ✦sharing Him! What is the FOCUS of your life?
2. **Eternal Stuff is IMPORTANT:** *Since Jesus is risen, we know these words of His are true: “Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her (10:42).”* Martha – Mary’s sister – was concerned with preparing *physical food for physical bodies* which will eventually *physically die!* Physical stuff is temporal – *here today, gone tomorrow!* But eternal stuff – *God’s Word of truth and knowing Jesus as Savior* – has significance both now and forevermore! *May God keep our priorities focused on eternal stuff!*
3. **Repentance is ESSENTIAL:** *Since Jesus is risen, we know these words of His are true: “He who is not with me is against me... (11:23)”* In other words, there is no middle ground, *no room to sit on the fence!* Jesus wants everyone to be with Him; *that is why He ✦lived for us, ✦suffered in our place, and ✦laid down His life!* Even this very moment, God is calling all people everywhere to ➔*be sorry for their sins* and ➔*receive Jesus as their Savior!*
4. **Alive in Christ, WE LIVE FOR CHRIST:** *Since Jesus is risen, we know these words of His are true: “My mother and brothers are those who hear God’s word and put it into practice (8:21).”* Did you notice what Jesus said? The members of His *forever family* are those who HEAR and DO whatever the Bible says – *NEVER to earn heaven, because no one can ever earn it!* Instead, we HEAR and DO as a way to **thank** and **honor** the Triune God who ✦rescued us from hell and ✦gave us the gift of heaven! *May God always help us to rightly understand the relationship between our faith and our works!*
5. **God Will Provide the Needs of His FORGIVEN CHILDREN:** *Since Jesus is risen, we know these words of His are true: “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you (Luke 11:9).”* What is the old saying? “The squeaky wheel...” Since that is true, God – *who demonstrated His great love for us in Jesus* – will certainly provide all of our needs of body and soul. *So let us trust in Him and be at peace!*
6. **Jesus Will Return at an ORDINARY TIME:** *Since Jesus is risen, we know these words of His are true: “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man.²⁷ People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all (Luke 17:26-27).”* Jesus said those words as a *LOVING WARNING* – because He knows of our tendency to ✦relax, ✦let down our guard, and ✦become self-righteous. Some may use this reasoning: I will get more serious about God when ➔I get older OR