

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed

Scripture: Acts 10:38-42 (NIV)

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Message: *how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.”*

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Today we celebrate Christ’s life, but specifically His resurrection from the dead. This passage of scripture reads a lot like an obituary, or a eulogy. A summation of Christ’s life.

In this passage, Peter is talking to a gathering to which he had been called. He is telling of how Christ’s life had been one of living love, “*he went around doing good and healing...because God was with Him.*” Peter is saying that Christ was God/Love incarnate – in the flesh. He lived and died a life of love.

In the final part of this passage, Peter reminds us – that we, like Peter, are to testify to others of God’s love. If we truly model Christ’s behaviors, we are called to live the words “*went around doing good.*”

On Easter day, we celebrate Christ’s life, death and resurrection. How better to celebrate and honor Christ than by living His legacy. Go and do likewise. Loving all, doing good to all.

Prayer: *Gracious and Loving God, as we go forward, today and each day, open our eyes and our hearts to be Your servant, doing good and loving all people following the example of Jesus. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.*

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