What Will the Risen Savior Say to You? 2024-03-31

Matthew 25:33-34

he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Easter celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection, which distinguishes Jesus from all other world religious leaders.

- If you **remove** the resurrection, then **Christianity** is just another **powerless religion** and **ethical system**.
 - The resurrection is the foundation of our Christian faith <u>1 Corinthians</u> <u>15:17, Romans 10:9</u>

Today you believe without seeing, but one day your faith will become sight!

• Everyone who ever lived will see Jesus in all His risen glory when we die or in the second coming.

Initially ALL will fall in **awe**, **or fear**, **or silence** because we will **fully realize** who **Jesus is** and **we as sinners** are totally **unworthy** to be in **Jesus' holy presence**. *Romans* 3:23, *Revelations* 1:17, *Philippians* 2:10-11, *Matthew* 25:31-33

- Religious or irreligious, everyone who ever lived will bow to the glorious, risen Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim Jesus is Lord.... but what will He proclaim to you?!
 - Jesus will say one of two things that will bring either eternal condemnation or eternal comfort.

Atheist, **agnostic**, and many religious will hear words of **eternal terror**. <u>Matthew 25:41</u>, 7:23, 13:49-50

- Those who considered **Jesus** simply as a **prophet**, great teacher, **lesser** god...weep!
- Good realize works filthy and only by grace you will be saved. Isaiah 64:6, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 4:4-5.
 - Many religious in disbelief but too late. <u>Matthew 7:22-23, James 2:17-20</u>
 - Must be more than going to church regularly or just Christmas and Easter, Christian home.... or an event years ago.
 - You are not saved by works but regular works prove you are saved!
- Don't have to spend eternity in place of unimaginable terror!
 - No matter how badly or how many sins you've done, Jesus offers eternal life to you.
 - Repent and put your trust in Jesus.... and you won't fear coming judgment.

The true believer is comforted with "COME" because of who Jesus is for YOU. Romans 4:25, Matthew 25:33-34

- The resurrection is evidence that the Father accepted Jesus' work of redemption.
 - Easter validates Good Friday.
 - The Resurrection proves salvation was accomplished at the cross, so all Christians are forgiven, ransomed, and eternally reconciled to God.

The resurrection is **proof that Jesus is alive** and constantly **present**......He is loving and **caring** for you **every moment** of your **existence**.... **now and forever**. <u>John 10:10, 14:16-17, 16:7, Romans 6:6, 14, 2 Peter 1:3</u>

- No resurrection means no ascension, which means no indwelling Holy Spirit.
 - The resurrection guarantees His Spirit indwells and empowers every Christian.
 - The Holy Spirit provides all you need for abundant life and godliness.
- POWER NOW: New resurrected life without guilt or condemnation, free from sin's power with new love for God and for people, new hope, and joy daily. 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 8:1-2, Galatians 5:22-23
- FUTURE: new resurrection body like Jesus and taken out of broken world into eternal paradise without sin or suffering and eternity with Him. 2 Peter 3:13, Philippians 3:20-21, 1 Peter 1:3-4, Revelations 21:3-4

Someday **soon**, you will **see the risen Lord** Jesus Christ. Either when you **die** or if He **comes again**!

- **Be sure** what **He says** to you is of **eternal comfort**, not eternal terror!
 - Easter is not a once-a-year remembrance, but daily living hope...now and forever.

Because of **Jesus'** life, death, and resurrection, you **can have, through grace**, faith, and Jesus alone:

- A new relationship with God, the Holy Spirit indwelling power, eternity in paradise with new resurrected body like Jesus's...delighting in and worshipping your risen Savior FOREVER
 - Fear not, He is risen, your Savior, Friend, and King lives!"