

## THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

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- There is joy in you that causes you to do something
- That joy is Christ in you. We are celebrating Jesus
- It is not about the event (Easter) but it is about Him. We should celebrate the person Jesus
- The greatest event took place two thousand years ago
- If it was not for Him we would be on our way to hell
- Everything is about Him, He is the hope of glory
- He has given us eternal life and we are celebrating life
- The death and resurrection of Christ demands a response
- Do not be caught up in lockdown but share Jesus with one another
- The death and resurrection of Christ was not just an event that took place, it is the greatest thing that ever happened
- Jesus said that he came to give us life and life in abundance
- We are challenged to respond
- He did not only come to die on the cross but He did it for each and everyone of us, He did it for you
- Jesus came to give us life, a life of liberty, freedom, a spiritual life
- We are many times worried about things but the death and resurrection of Christ is causing us to move on
- We have to be courageous and stand
- Everything start with the death and resurrection of Jesus
- Isaiah had a revelation about Christ many years before Christ was born
- The crucifixion was not like many pictures portray it with Jesus hanging on a cross with a small droplet of blood coming from the thorn crown on His head, it was a horrible death
- There is joy on the inside of us because of the price that He paid on the cross
- Your life depends on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

### **Isaiah 53:1-6 (NIV)**

*Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was on him and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

- He was crushed for our sin and inequities
- We are not serving Christ for love and charity, for our ambitions and dreams but it is for His purpose
- It is not about your life now but it is about an everlasting life
- He received thirty nine lashes with a whip that had pieces of bone on it
- His flesh was torn from His body exposing even His organs
- He could not even carry His own cross because He had no power left
- He went through pain physically but mentally it was a horrible death with a heart attack ending His life
- He was hanging on the cross alone, crying out “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
- His own people (Jews) crucified Him
- God could not look down on the sin that Jesus bore on Him
- Jesus died for you because He loved you

### **Matthew 26:26-29 (NIV)**

*While they were eating, Jesus took bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body." Then he took a cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."*

- The Bible says "Take and eat, this is my body."
- We need to first take it, receive it, embrace it by faith and then the power will come
- Drink of the cup as it is a new covenant, a new way of life that is coming to you
- There should be a difference in the way that you are living your life now
- The death and resurrection of Jesus demand a response to move on with God

### **Romans 6:1-7 (NIV)**

*What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin, how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin — because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.*

- We need to walk in the newness of life
- Jesus is no longer on the cross. The tomb is empty, He has risen from the dead
- He created a new life for us
- Supernatural things happened on the earth when He died
- The veil was torn in the temple, giving us access to God
- How often do you go into the presence of God? He is the only door to the Father
- We have access to the presence of the Father
- We should walk in this newness of life
- We should want to go up to the mountain
- We are many times the same as the world, talking the same and doing the same things
- We need to be very accurate in how we live our lives

### **2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

- You are a new creation in Christ
- We should live as a new creation and we should help one another to live as a new creation
- While we are here on the earth, we need to give our best to God. God has given us His best. We cannot do it halfway

### **Revelation 3:15-16 (NIV)**

*I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.*

- There need to be an attitude to give your best
- There is an upward call
- The same power that raised Him from the dead is living on the inside of us
- There is judgement on the world because they did not accept Him
- We can no longer stay home, we need to give our best
- The fear of God needs to come back to the church
- We need to respond