

"Jesus Christ knows the worst about you. Nonetheless, He is the One who loves you most." - A. W. Tozer

Easter – Not Just One Day / The Journey Continues 4.23.17

John 20:19-28

Vs. 22 – same verb used as when the Lord breathed into Adam the breath of life in Genesis 2:7 (and man became a living soul), and in Ezekiel 37:9 when breath entered the dry bones in the valley and they became a great army. He was preparing them for the fullness to be released in Acts 2

Vs. 23 This does not mean that the power to forgive sins was ever entrusted to any man or men; it means that the power to proclaim that forgiveness was so entrusted; along with the power to warn that forgiveness is not open to the unrepentant. This sentence lays down the duty of the Church to convey forgiveness to the repentant in heart and to warn the unrepentant that they are forfeiting the mercy of God.

Jesus is Alive! Jesus made 12 post-resurrection _____ to his followers before His _____.

This simple carpenter from Nazareth, called Jesus of Nazareth became known in history as Jesus the Christ (anointed one), the Messiah (mashiach – anointed or chosen one).

Magna est veritas et praevalerebit, “_____ is the truth and it will _____.”

Five of Jesus’ post resurrection appearances happened on Resurrection Sunday;

Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18),

The women returning from the tomb (Matthew 28:9,10),

Peter (Luke 24:34)

Two travelers on the road to Emmaus (Cleopas and ? – Luke 24:12-32)

All the disciples except Thomas, plus others with them (Luke 24:36-43)

1 Corinthians 15:14-20 So, for the true Christ follower, every day is _____! 1 Corinthians 15:56-58

➤ **Easter everyday means we get more than one _____ in Christ. Jesus restores him by asking three times if he loves Him, John 21:15-17 A restoration question for each time that Peter denied Him?**

➤ **Easter every day means that you don’t have to be _____ by sin! Romans 6:8,9 11, 13-14**

➤ **Easter everyday means that what is _____ with men, is _____ with God! Luke 1:37 For with God nothing will be impossible." NKJV**

➤ **Easter everyday means that we can live _____ in Him and through Him, not just for one day, but everyday.**

Matthew 28:16-20

The Final Promise:

(i) He assured them of His _____.

(ii) He gave them His _____ (commission).

(iii) He promised them His _____.

The Christian message is never fully ours until we have shared it with someone else.

We can never fully understand the message of the cross until we give it away. Believe – _____ – Profess!

John 20:30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; **31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.** NKJV