

Resurrection Sunday : Living the Kingdom life.

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Jesus is
alive!!



Luke 24

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,

Luke 24

that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” And they remembered His words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale , and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves ; and he went home marvelling at what had happened.

What was
Jesus'
strategy?



Brian D. McLaren : the Secret Message of Jesus

This understanding of the secret message of Jesus makes sense of a number of odd details of the gospel story, such as why the resurrection of Jesus wouldn't be miraculously broadcasted to millions as irrefutable evidence of Jesus' legitimacy. Can you see it? As soon as the evidence becomes irrefutable, it takes on a kind of domineering power – the kind of force so effectively yielded by principalities and powers.

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Instead, in keeping with the kingdom of God's secret, paradoxical, and apparent weak power , the first in on the secret are a few women – unacceptable in their day as legitimate witnesses in court – vulnerable people who can easily be ignored and dismissed by those who prefer the status quo , the powers that be , the systems and regimes that function as “kingdoms of this world”. These humble women will be believed only by those who want to believe , those who freely choose to believe.

Jesus always had the Kingdom of God in mind.

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “ Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Matthew 4: 17

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- We believe because He is Risen

If Christ was not raised, your faith is vain, you are in your sins.

1 Corinthians 15: 17

Christ lives in me

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2 : 20

This life is a life that I live by faith:

“Because you have seen me, you have believed, blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

John 20:29.

This Life is a Gift

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, so that all who believe in Him, may not perish but have eternal life.

John 3: 16

This life is for all who believe

For as many of you were baptized into Christ , have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male or female , for you are all one in Christ Jesus

Galatians 3: 27

Because He lives :

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus ;

He lived and died to buy my pardon ,

An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Because He lives , I can face tomorrow,

Because He lives , all fear is gone;

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living,

Just because He lives

