

# EASTER MATTERS

It's more than a story.



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## WHY DOES EASTER MATTER?

Because it  
guarantees your  
past has been  
wiped clean?

Because it  
guarantees  
your future in  
heaven?

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### ROMANS 8:11

"If the Spirit who raised Christ from the  
dead is living in you, he will also give life  
to your mortal body."

**GIVE LIFE:**  
not just a past action or a future event,  
but divine life right now.

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# JOHN 20:19-23

"The disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jews. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! 'Peace be with you,' he said. He showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.' Then he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they're forgiven. If you don't forgive anyone's sin, they're not forgiven.'"

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## If The Resurrection Is TRUE

It proves Jesus was who  
he claimed to be—  
*God in the flesh.*

It proves Jesus can do what  
he claimed he could do—  
*forgive sin, heal disease, grant  
eternal life someday and give  
resurrection life this day.*

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## Enslaved to the Status Quo

We accept resurrection as  
historic fact yet aren't  
living in resurrection  
confidence in the present.

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# JOHN 20:26-27

“They were in the house, behind locked doors, and Thomas was now with them. Again Jesus suddenly stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘See my hands? Touch them with your finger; reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.’”

## A SUDDEN APPEARANCE A STUNNING DIMENSION



Jesus the Risen is the Infinite stepping into the finite, joining the future with the present, merging heaven and earth—the twin halves of God’s creation.

## A SUDDEN APPEARANCE A STUNNING DIMENSION



The resurrection is the beginning of a Kingdom agenda that doesn’t snatch us away from earth to heaven someday. It empowers us to colonize earth with the life of heaven right now!



## A SUDDEN APPEARANCE A STUNNING DIMENSION



Jesus is raised, so he is Lord; and  
God's new creation has begun right  
now through him!

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## A SUDDEN APPEARANCE A STUNNING DIMENSION



Heaven and earth overlap and interlock,  
and Jesus is equally at home on earth  
and in heaven at the same time.

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## HEAVEN & EARTH

the twin Halves of God's created order were  
Separated by man's declaration of self-rule.

As Jesus appears out of thin air,  
heaven and earth are finally  
and forever reconnected.

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# A SUDDEN APPEARANCE A STUNNING DIMENSION



Welcome to Jesus' new world where  
Divine power is now unleashed to  
remake what is broken, to renew what is  
diseased and to restore what is lost.

## IF I TAKE EASTER WITH ME

1

Heaven won't be just a distant  
promise anymore; I will find it  
an adjoining space.

Heaven is closer than I think  
and I can instantly access it.

Jesus stands by me and is always with me  
literally closer than the air I breathe!

# 2 TIMOTHY 4:16-17

"When everyone left me and no one helped me,  
Jesus stood beside me and gave me strength."

# IF I TAKE EASTER WITH ME

2

Resurrection power will be  
a real possibility, not just a  
future hope.

— Jesus breathed on them and said,  
“Receive the Holy Spirit!”

— Jesus will step into my world and breathe  
Divine life to resurrect what is dead—  
a marriage, career or a dream!

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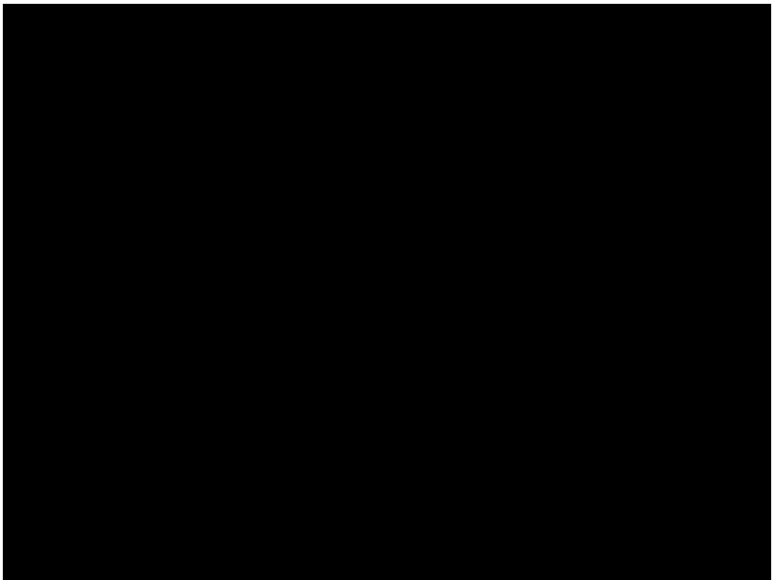
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