

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

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Not just a holiday that shows up once a year. Not just another “*special*” day. Not just another religious observance. This one changes everything.

“*Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.*” John 2:19
(New Living Translation)

All over the world last Sunday, literally billions of people, perhaps as many as three or more billion people, gathered to celebrate the greatest event in the history of the world. *What we celebrated that day distinguishes Jesus of Nazareth from all the other great teachers, all the other great prophets, all the other great spiritual leaders.* We can name many great historical figures, but they remain historical figures because they lived and died. Not Jesus.

Jesus lived and died and rose to live again. Process that.

Jesus’ disciples went to great lengths to state, without equivocation, that this was no “*story*”. Not a myth. Not a legend. Not a figment of their imagination. They present 500 eyewitnesses who saw Jesus personally after His crucifixion in Jerusalem. They record Jesus’ conversations with them, eating breakfast with them, mission assignments for them and even proof of life. Jesus invited Thomas, who couldn’t quite wrap his head around the idea that Jesus was alive, to touch the wounds in His hands and side. *Jesus wanted them to know He wasn’t a ghost, a vapor, an incorporeal vision.* Then we have modern investigations which have determined that there is more evidence to prove that Jesus lived, died, and rose again than there is to prove that Hitler existed.

Jesus was, is and forever will be real. Himself. Then those same followers record Jesus defying gravity, rising through the atmosphere into heaven. Today is either the greatest hoax foisted on the human race or the greatest event in the history of the world. Do we know of anyone else who has defeated death? *He lives!* 1 Corinthians 15:3-5 (New Living Translation):

I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.

Welcome!

April 27th, 2025



“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way.”

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid’s Club

Prayer ½ hour before services

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prayer – every Sunday evening, from 6 – 7 here in the sanctuary. This is informal, come as you are for the time you are able. James 5:16 (ESV):

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our study of the Book of Ephesians.

Flagging Practice is finished for this season.

Capital Section Spring Event – Ladies – May 17th, 10 AM to 2 PM. Location: Capital Church, 1222 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Niskayuna, NY. Cost is \$25 per person and must be in by April 27th. For more information see Caroline Zeyak.

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