A TIME OF REFLECTION

[Pastor Gene Henderson edited by Pastor Pier]

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 NLT)

All over the world today, literally billions of people, perhaps as many as 3+ billion people, are gathering to celebrate the greatest event in the history of the world. What we celebrate this 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. He was 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?



Jesus Is Risen!

"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 & Youth: 6:00 – 7:00 PM Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club Prayer ½ hour before services

He is risen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Bible

Study – we continue our new study, "The Great Disappearance" – Rapture of the church, taken from Dr. David Jeremiah's study. We have



student study guides available for \$10 each. Please see the Pastor for more details.

Flagging Class - suspended until further notice.

Women's Annual Spring Event – April 27th, for more information please see Caroline Zeyak. There is a signup sheet on the table in the foyer.

Iron Sharpens Iron 2024 – May 18th, call all men to please put this on your calendar and plan to attend. More information to follow. There are postcards on the table in the foyer. Take all you need and let's recruit men to go with us to this event.



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PROGRAM

Worship Together

Prayer Time

Poem – The Resurrection

Flag Team - Because

New Life Children

Lead Me To The Cross

Oh Praise The Name

Rise Again – Paul Slingerland

Liturgical Dance – Debbie DeVries

It's About The Cross

Devotional - Pastor Pier

Communion