



SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

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When Jesus prayed
from the cross,
***“Father, forgive them,
they don’t know what***

they are doing,” how could He possibly be telling the truth? The Jewish Sanhedrin was so determined to ***“deal with”*** Jesus that they pressured Pilate to hear the case. And they did nothing to ensure their places in the Roman system by presenting false witnesses to lie about the young Rabbi. Pilate’s personal investigation led him to find no fault in Jesus, and he told the Jewish rulers that.

But they were not mollified. Even after Pilate offered them a convicted criminal, they continued their sham. ***“He claims to be our King, and we have no king but Caesar!”*** A few hours later, the ridiculous court sham completed, Pilate said to his soldiers, ***“Okay, crucify Him, and place this above His head: ‘Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.’”*** They Jews argued over the superscription, but Pilate replied, ***“What I have written, I have written.”***

The Jewish leaders knew who Jesus was, but they were more determined to kill Him than to accept Him. What they did not know was why He had come in the first place, and that was the point of Jesus’ remark from the cross. ***“They don’t know what they are doing”*** was Jesus’ way of reminding His Father that He came to earth to save sinners, not condemn them. After His resurrection, every Jewish leader had another chance to see Jesus glorified. Nicodemus and Saul changed the course of their lives. We have that same opportunity. Those who choose Jesus will live in His resurrection! 1 Peter 1:3-5:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Jesus Is Alive!

April 20th, 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



Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our study of the Rapture of the church.

Flagging Practice – is finished for the 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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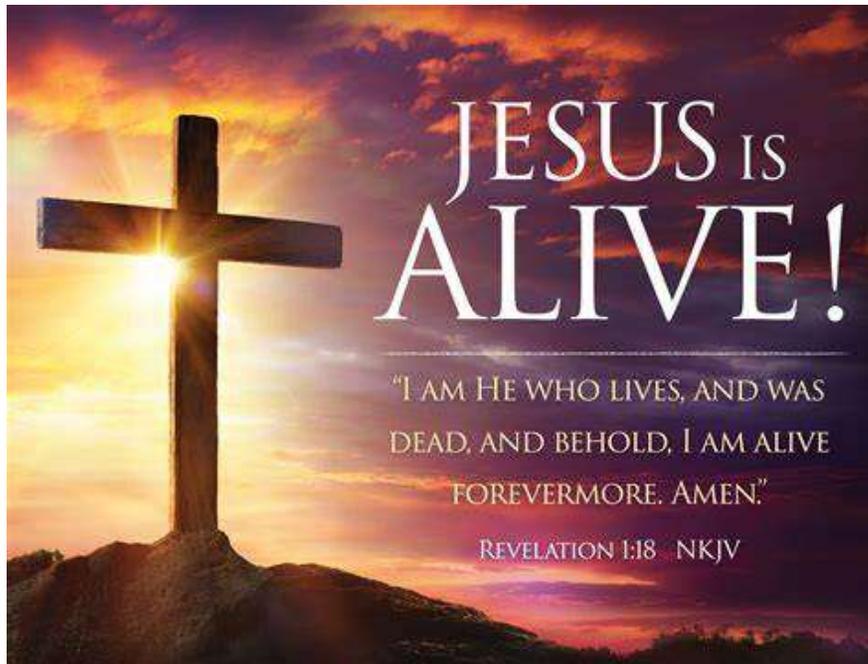
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SERMON NOTES

RESURRECTION POWER

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 15:1-10

This man was not only _____, but He had become the very _____ of everlasting life.

He became the _____ of what turned out to be an _____ cause.

The power of the resurrection represents _____ for _____ lost causes and dead issues.

1. LIFE _____ POWER – verse 9

The power of the resurrection is power _____ for any person to be _____.

2. LIFE _____ POWER – verse 10

He declared that it was God at _____ in him that made the _____.

Voluntary _____ to the Spirit of God is what gives us real _____ over our bodies.

It was as Paul was doing what God _____ him to do that this spiritual _____ was experienced.

3. LIFE _____ POWER

Grace is an expression of the _____ of God that is given to those who do not _____ it.

The fact that we don't deserve it is what _____ us for it. It is on this undeserved basis that all of us can come to the Lord to _____ the _____ He loves to give.

It is possible to the degree that we are _____ to the _____ that raised Christ from the dead.