

## Daily Devotion For December 28, 2022

"The angels said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here: he has risen, just as he said." Matthew 28:5-6

On Sunday we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. But why did Jesus come to earth? We love the celebration of Christmas but we also remember that from the time that Jesus was born he was born to die. Matthew 28:5-6 tells us that on the first Easter morning, the women who came to the tomb were in for the surprise of their lives. Instead of finding a closed tomb, they found an open grave, and an angel greeting them with the words, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here: he has risen, just as he said." For these women and every follower of the Lord Jesus, life would never be the same. The resurrection changes the course of history. We move from B.C. Before Christ to A.D. Anno Domini in the year of our Lord.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is God's way of announcing that our life does not have to be a one way journey to the cemetery. God is saying we don't have to be stuck in our past. The risen Savior has paid the penalty for our sins. Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead we can know the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life one day in his kingdom. Because Christ lives, we who have put our trust in him too shall live. As the wonderful Hymn goes, "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."

**Thought For Today:** Even as we just celebrated the birth of Jesus, take time to praise God that Jesus died for our sins and is alive today. We

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Thank God for the victory Jesus has won over sin and death through his resurrection from the dead. Deo Volente.