

Daily Devotion For April 9, 2023

"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

Happy Easter!!! 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 Easter 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:** Take time to praise God that Jesus is alive. Unite your heart with Christians around the world that Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Worship and thank God today for the victory Jesus has won over sin and death through his resurrection from the dead. Pray that you and others will experience in our lives the same resurrection power. Deo Volente.