

and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” When Mary came to the end of the verse the head nurse exclaimed, **“Yes, I do believe in Christ’s Resurrection!** I believe the Lord Jesus died for my sins and rose on the third day from the dead!”

On Resurrection Sunday Mary left this life to be with Jesus in Heaven. Dear friend, how about you? You, too, are a sinner, and you need Jesus as your Savior. *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”* (Romans 3:23). *“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”* (Romans 6:23).

Do you believe in Christ’s Resurrection? *“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures”* (I Corinthians 15:3–4). Do you believe in God’s only begotten Son Who died for your sins and rose on the third day for your justification? Trust Him now as your Lord and Savior, and come to Him today.

“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely” (Revelation 22:17).

Dear God, I believe and confess Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I believe He died for my sins and was raised from the dead on the third day.

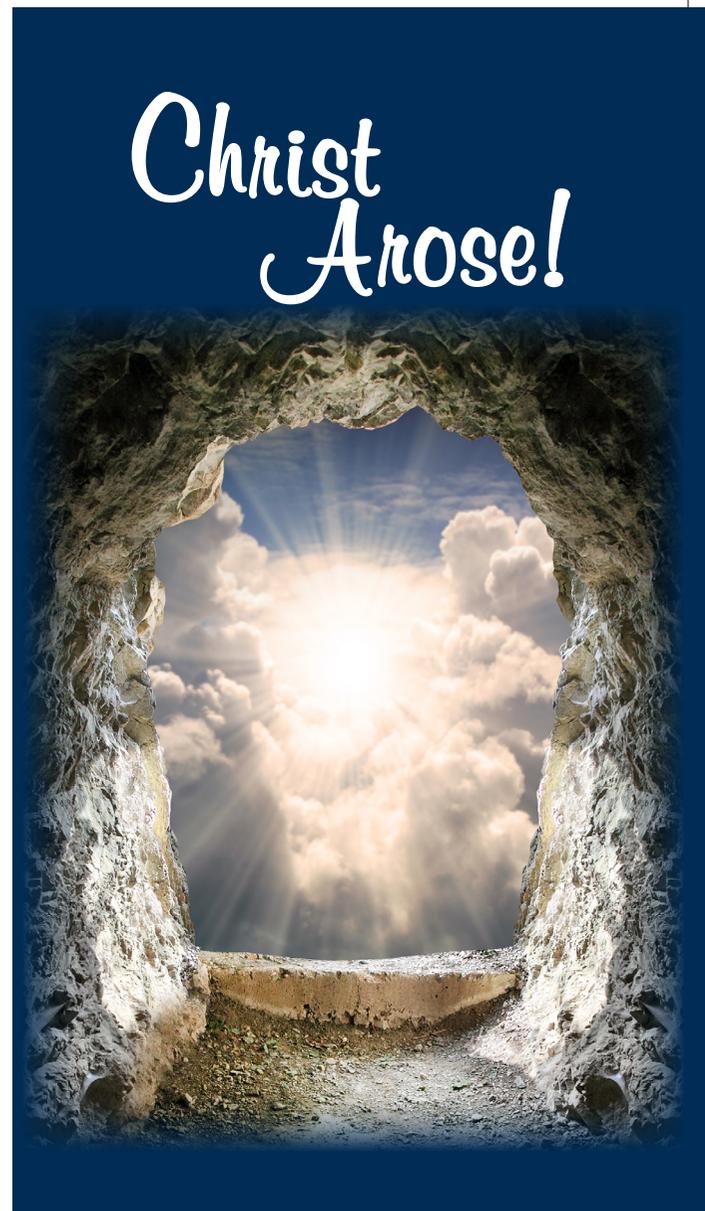
I believe in Christ’s Resurrection! Amen.

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Christ Arose!

Do you believe in Easter? Easter is the annual holy day when we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. It is usually observed on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. What many people do not realize is that the word *Easter* was the name of a heathen goddess of spring. Customs today, such as Easter eggs and Easter bunnies, come from the ancient pagan spring festivals in honor of the heathen goddess Easter. But most people today associate the word *Easter* with Christ's Resurrection.

Many so-called "nominal Christians" may not attend a church service all year long, but on Easter Sunday they come to church dressed up in their finest clothes.

Some years ago a lady—we'll call her Mary—used the word *Easter* as a means of witnessing to lost people about the Lord Jesus. She always opened the conversation by asking, "Do you believe in Easter?" Usually the person was somewhat taken aback, not quite knowing what to answer. Mary then proceeded to explain the meaning of Easter. Jesus Christ was crucified on a Roman cross on the Jewish Passover. Three days later, on Sunday, the Lord Jesus rose

from the dead and appeared to His disciples, giving every evidence of His bodily resurrection. Mary then quoted from the Bible in Romans 10:9: "*If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*" Using this simple method, Mary led many lost people to Jesus Christ.

Later, Mary became terminally ill and had to enter a hospital. In the hospital, though very ill, she continued to testify for Christ to doctors, nurses, patients, and visitors. She invariably asked all she came in contact with the same question: "Do you believe in Easter?" From there Mary proceeded to tell them about the Lord Jesus—that He suffered and died for our sins and, on the third day, rose from the dead. She explained that by believing in Jesus and accepting Him as their personal Lord and Savior, they would be saved. As a result, many were deeply touched by her testimony and came to know the Lord Jesus as their Savior.

But the head nurse in the hospital where Mary was a patient was an atheist who had no time for Christ. One day Mary approached her with the usual question: "Do you believe

in Easter?" The head nurse curtly replied, "I do not and I do not want to hear about it!" But Mary did not give up so easily. Instead of making herself a pest, Mary quietly prayed every day that the head nurse might be saved before she died. Mary was gradually becoming weaker, and she knew she didn't have much time to live. Easter Sunday was near at hand. The head nurse, though a very stubborn woman, deep in her heart was moved by Mary's radiant Christian life, and the question "Do you believe in Easter?" was one that she could not get rid of or forget.

Just a few days before Easter, the head nurse came into Mary's room and sat down beside the bed. She began to weep and said, "Mary, I am now ready to listen. Tell me, what does Easter mean?" Mary softly told her the old, old story of Jesus and His love, His death on the cross, and His resurrection from the dead three days later. Jesus said, "***I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?***" (John 11:25–26). Then Mary quoted Romans 10:9, "*If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus,*