

Easter: Raised Back To Life

*"Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel...Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was **raised from the dead on the third day**, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died." 1 Corinthians 15:1, 3-6 NLT*

*"People of God, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know. But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. But God **released him** from the horrors of death and **raised him** back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip." Acts 2:22-24 NLT*

- ✓ God released Jesus from the **horrors of death**.
- ✓ God released Jesus from the **grip of death**.
- ✓ God released Jesus from the **finality of death**.

How did Jesus make it through this time?

1. Test

*"So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the **same testings** we do, yet **he did not sin**." Hebrews 4:14-15 NLT*

2. Trust

*"Now it is required that those who have been given a **trust** must prove **faithful**." 1 Corinthians 4:2 NIV*

3. Temporary assignment

*"How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a **little while**, then it's gone." James 4:14 NLT*

In light of Jesus resurrection, what should we do?

*“God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this... So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!” Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, **what should we do?**” Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and **turn to God**, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.” Acts 2:32, 36-39 NLT*

1. Release your grip.

*“King David said this about him: ‘I see that **the Lord is always with me**. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.’” Acts 2:25 NLT*

2. Replace your fear.

*“For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your Holy One to rot in the grave. You have shown me the **way of life**, and you will fill me with the **joy of your presence**.”
Acts 2:27-28 NLT*

3. Raise your hope.

*“No wonder my **heart** is glad, and my **tongue** shouts his praises! My **body rests in hope**.”
Acts 2:26 NLT*

*“There is one body and one Spirit, just as there is **one hope** to which God has called you.”
Ephesians 4:4 GNT*