

# *Shore Lines of the Northfield Church of Christ*

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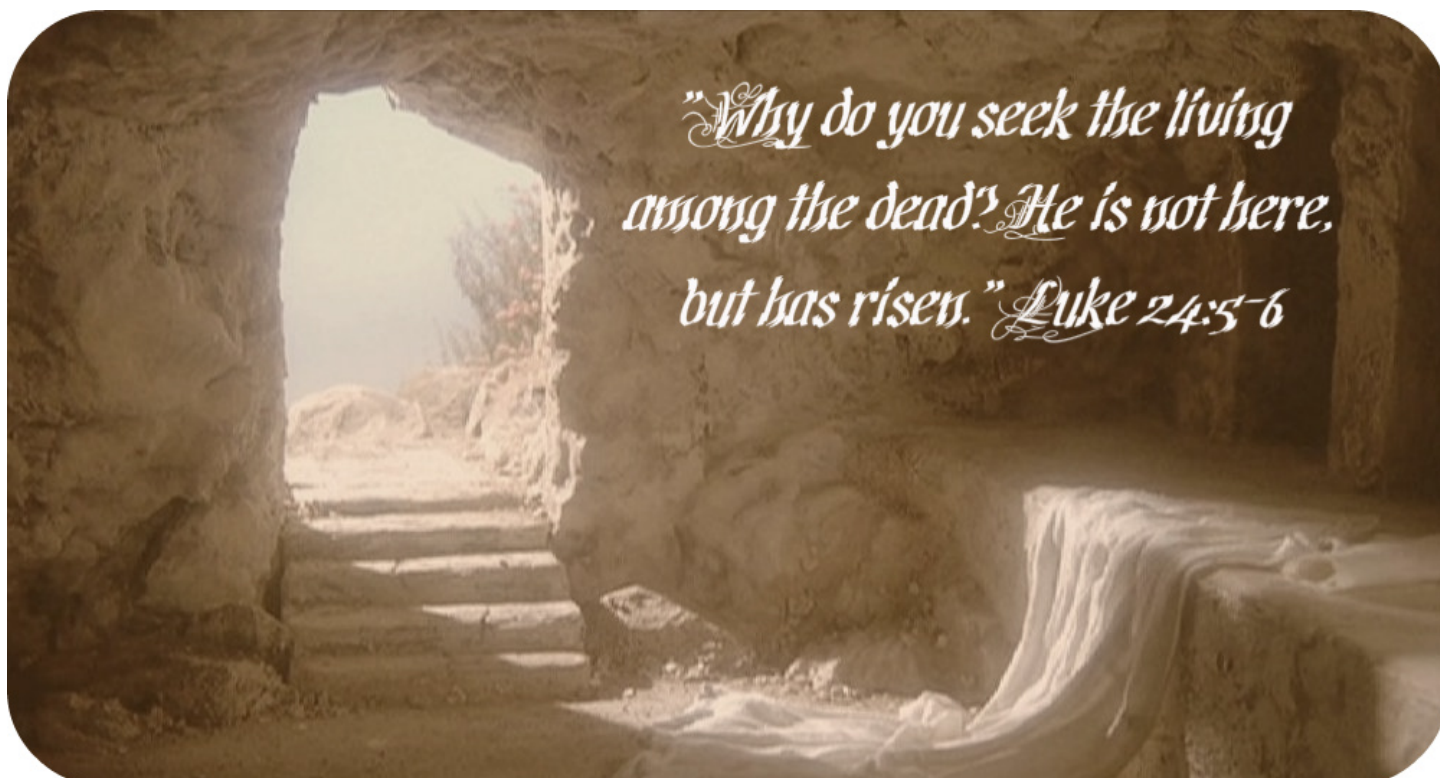
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**Sunday AM Services Streaming @ 9:30AM** ([Click for link](#))

**Sunday Evening Message @ 6:00PM** ([click for link](#))

**Wednesday Bible Zoom Study: "Ezekiel" w/ Steve Robertson @ 6:30PM.**

- Please observe good distancing inside the building & sit only in designated pews.
- Masks Are Mandatory.
- If You Feel That You Are At High Risk Or Are Feeling ill, Please Stay Home.

## **WE BELIEVE WE MUST...**

**Hear-** the Word of God (Romans 10:17)

**Believe-** that Jesus is the Son of God (Mark 16:16)

**Repent-** of our sins (Acts 2:38)

**Confess-** Jesus as the Son of God (Acts 8:37)

**Be Immersed-** in water for the remission of sins & to be added to the church (Acts 2:38, 41, 47)

**Live Faithfully-** by the teachings of the Bible (Luke 9:23).

# The Significance of Christ's Resurrection

Each spring, millions of people around the world acknowledge, in some fashion or another, that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead some twenty centuries ago. Modern society calls it "**Easter**."

The origin of this term is uncertain, though it is commonly thought to derive from **Eastre**, the name of a Teutonic spring goddess. The term "**Easter**," in the King James Version of the Bible (**Acts 12:4**), is a mistranslation. The Greek word is **pascha**, correctly rendered "**Passover**" in later translations. In fact, though **pascha** is found twenty-nine times in the Greek New Testament, it is only rendered "**Easter**" once, even in the KJV.

Christians are not authorized to celebrate Easter as a special annual event acknowledging the resurrection of Christ. Faithful children of God reflect upon the Savior's resurrection every Sunday (the resurrection day – cf. **John 20:1ff**) as they gather to worship God in the regular assembly of the church (cf. **Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2**).

We ought to be glad, however, that multitudes—usually caught up in pursuits wholly materialistic—will take at least some time for reflection upon the event of the Savior's resurrection. It is entirely appropriate that Christians take advantage of this circumstance; we should be both willing and able to explain to our friends—at least those who have some reverence for Christianity—the significance of the Lord's resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the *foundation* of the Christian system (cf. **1 Corinthians 15:14ff**). If there was no resurrection, Christianity is a hoax, and we are wasting our time. But the truth is, the event of Jesus' resurrection is incontrovertible. Professor Thomas Arnold of Rugby, a world-renowned historian, once said that Christ's resurrection from the dead is the "*best-attested fact in human history*" (1939, 2569). This being the case, just *what is the significance of Jesus' resurrection?* Think about these matters.

**First**, the resurrection is one of the major evidences that Jesus Christ is the *Son of God*. Paul affirmed that Christ is "*declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead*" (**Romans 1:4**).

**Second**, Jesus' resurrection represents an assurance that we can have *forgiveness from our sins*. Paul contended: "*[I]f Christ hath not been raised, our faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins*" (**1 Corinthians 15:17**). The reverse of the apostle's affirmation would be this: *if Jesus was raised, sins will be forgiven when we obey the gospel* (**Acts 2:38; 22:16**).

**Third**, the resurrection tells the world that *the kingdom of God is ruled by a living sovereign*. The founder of Islam is dead and his bones lie dormant in the earth. But the founder of Christianity—sixty years after his death—appeared to John on the island of Patmos and said: "*I am the first and the last, and the Living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore*" (**Revelation 1:17-18**).

**Fourth**, Jesus' resurrection proves that *physical death is not the termination of human existence*. God, who is the giver of life (**1 Timothy 6:13**), has the power to reanimate the human body. Christ's triumph over the grave is Heaven's pledge to us that we too shall be raised. This is why Jesus is referred to as the "*firstfruits of them that are asleep*" (**1 Corinthians 15:20,23**).

**Fifth**, the Lord's resurrection previewed the *ultimate victory of Christianity over all its enemies*. In the book of *Revelation*, Jesus is depicted as a lamb that had been slain, but was standing again (**5:6**). This same Lord was "*the lion of the tribe of Judah*" that had overcome his foes (**5:5**). Christians too will overcome as a result of the Lamb's sacrifice and victory over death (cf. **Revelation 12:11**).

The resurrection of the Son of God should be a constant reminder to us of these wonderful biblical truths. We honor our Master's victory over death—not once a year, but every week!

Jackson, Wayne. "The Significance of Christ's Resurrection." *ChristianCourier.com*. Access date: April 2, 2021. <https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/64-the-significance-of-christs-resurrection>

## **SERVING TODAY**

**Song Leader:** Bro Lee Christensen

**Announcements/YouTube:** Bro Mike Walsh

**Opening Prayer:** Bro Russell Weems

**Communion:** Bro Bill Wills

**Sermon:** Bro Mark Seim

**Closing Prayer:** Bro Javier Perez

## **WORSHIP ORDER**

**Call to Worship (Himno)**

**Announcements**

**Opening Prayer (Oracion)**

**Hymn (Himno)**

**Lord's Supper (Santa Cena)**

**Hymn (Himno)**

**Reading-** Col.1:13-14; Rev.1:5

**Sermon-** *The Gospel Of The Kingdom...Its*

*Blessings*

**Invitational Hymn (Himno)**

**Closing Hymn (Himno)**

**Closing Prayer (Oracion)**

## ***CONGREGATIONAL NOTES***

- For cancellation of services at the building due to bad weather please check our *website, facebook page, and phone message* for updates. *Thanks, Lee*
- The Food Bank is open and available to those in need. Please bring in non-perishable items to help keep it stocked.

## **Simple Guide for Prayer**

**Praise** — Praise God for who He is and give thanks for specific things He has done.

**Repent** — Admit your sin to God and ask for forgiveness.

**Ask** — Pray for others and ask God for help on their behalf.

**Your own needs** — Ask God to meet your needs.

## **The Gospel of The Kingdom...**

### ***Its Blessings***

**Introduction...** Thus far in this series, we have observed the *proclamation, nature & establishment* of the kingdom. Noting that "*the gospel of the kingdom*" is recorded in (**Matthew 4:23, 9:35, 24:15**), & (**Mark 1:14**). We should know that the word "*gospel*" means "*good news*" or "*glad tidings*". This morning we will take a look at what the *good news* and *glad tidings* are all about, as we examine the blessings found in that kingdom.

### **I. PRESENT BLESSINGS**

#### **(A) God's Forgiveness**

(1) Col.1:13-14; Rev.1:5

#### **(B) God's Care**

(1) Matt.6:25-34

(2) Psa.34:9-10

#### **(C) God's Family**

(1) Lk.18:29-30; Mk.10:29-30

#### **(D) God's Spirit**

(1) Jn.7:37-39; Acts 2:38-39

(2) Rom.14:17

(3) Gal.5:22-23

### **II. BLESSINGS IN THE FUTURE**

#### **(A) God's Eternal Kingdom**

(1) Matt.7:21-23; 2 Pet.1:8-11

#### **(B) God's Eternal City**

(1) Heb.11:11, 13-16

(2) Rev.21:1-3

#### **(C) God's Eternal Presence**

(1) Rev.21:22-23; 22:3-5

#### **(D) God's Eternal Care**

(1) Rev.21:4; 22:1-2

**Conclusion...** This morning we have touched on just a few of the blessings found in the kingdom of God, both in the present and in the future. In the present we have God's *forgiveness, care, family & Spirit*. In the future is found God's *eternal kingdom, eternal city, eternal presence, & eternal care*. To benefit from these blessing, both present and future, we must be sure that we are actually ***in that kingdom***...We must make our calling and election sure to be in the kingdom of the future. The main thing is that we submit to the *rule and reign* of God in the person of *Jesus Christ*.

### **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

*Dear Church Member: "Don't wait until the hearse hauls you to the church. If you do-*

- 1. You will go regardless of the weather.*
- 2. You will go regardless of the condition of your body.*
- 3. There will be beautiful flowers there, but you won't enjoy them.*
- 4. You will go regardless of how your family feels.*
- 5. The preacher may say many good things, but they will do you no good.*
- 6. There will be beautiful music, but you won't hear it.*
- 7. There will be heartfelt prayers, but they will not touch your heart.*
- 8. There will be friends and relatives there, but you won't worship with them.*
- 9. You will go no matter how many hypocrites are there.*
- 10. You will go, no matter how much you are needed at home or at work.*
- 11. You will receive no blessings from the service.*
- 12. You won't feel concerned about your clothes.*
- 13. You will never have to decide about attending church again.*

***Aren't you glad to be alive and well and full of zest and able to choose to go to church? .....COPIED!***

### **SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:**

***Ecclesiastes 3:1-11***

#### ***Psalms 55:22***

*Cast your burden on the LORD,  
And He shall sustain you;  
He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.*

### **LITTLE HUMOR:**

***HOW MANY SECONDS ARE IN A YEAR?***

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## **PREACHERS NOTES**

### **Hi to all**

*Happy Easter to all. Today is the day that much of the Christian world celebrates the resurrection of the Lord. This evening, in our PM service, I will present a lesson on honoring Easter. It will be on You Tube at 6:00 PM. Maria Torres visited with us this past week. Be sure to welcome her as she returns this Lord's Day. Look to the bulletin for this list of those who are on our prayer list so that we can include them in our prayers. Also, you can visit our website or Facebook Page for more information. Noreen has a wonderful ladies class that meets on Tuesday evening, see her for details. Also, you may want to attend the Wednesday night **ZOOM** class at 6:30 which Steve Robertson facilitates.*

*Keep in Your Prayers*



**HAPPY APRIL  
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

***PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL WHO WERE NOT MENTIONED IN THE  
BULLETIN OR WHO YOU MAY KNOW WHO NEED PRAYERS!!!***

**OUR MEMBERS:**

- Please pray for Elizabeth Estevez, she will be having surgery on April 30th.
- Keep Melida in your prayers she is suffering with leg pain.
- Continued prayers for Robin who is suffering with health issues.

**FRIENDS & RELATIVES:**

- Mark and Jane's granddaughter (Athena) fell at the playground keep her in your prayers for a speedy and healthy recovery.
- Pray for the families who have lost loved ones in the Atlanta and Colorado shootings.
- Amie Harris asks prayers for her sister during her first pregnancy (& husband). Also prayers for her friend Tazz, who's been diagnosed with liver cancer.
- Ron's mother cancer is gone, and she is doing well. Also continue to keep Ron's son Seth in your prayers.
- Pray for (Mark & Jane) (S-I-L) & Freddy's co-worker that contracted COVID-19.
- Keep Mark/Jane's friend (Pat) in your prayers she has improved.
- Keep MJ's friend Pat in your prayers.
- Bill' (B-I-L) Bruce has a spot on his lung it could be cancer.

**CONGREGATION CONTINUAL PRAYERS:**

- Toms River Church of Christ
- Cape May Courthouse Church of Christ
- Zambia (Continued Relief)
- D.R.- Ministry (Growth)
- El Salvador Church of Christ

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**[Visit covid19.nj.gov/vaccine](https://covid19.nj.gov/vaccine)** to pre-register, see if you are eligible for the vaccine, and find a vaccination site near you.