

June 28, 2024

**The Lord wants you to live in His light.**

***Mt. 28:5-7 The angel 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. Come and see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him.’ Now I have told you. (NIV)***

This is the one and only reason that we can have real and abundant life. Jesus has conquered death for us. He paid our sin debt. He took all of our sin and shame and all of our punishment, so that we could be made whole, and clean, and justified. So that we could receive eternal life in Heaven with the Father. And, so that we could have real and abundant life right here, right now. When the women came to the tomb that day, they expected to find the dead body of Jesus. Instead, they were greeted by an angel and the tomb was empty. You can imagine the emotions they must have felt. They were seeing and talking to an angel of the LORD. They were hearing the most amazing news: ***He is not here; He has risen, just as He said.*** Jesus fulfilled His words as He always does. Everything the LORD speaks will happen. So, just as Jesus had to suffer and die for our sins. Just as He laid down His life for us. Just as He paid the ultimate price for us. He also rose from the grave on the third day, just as He said! They were invited by the angel to take a look for themselves. For many people, seeing is believing. But I have found out in my own faith journey that believing is seeing. If the LORD has said it, I have no doubt it will come to pass. So as Jesus had told His disciples, He would come again; on that day when the trumpet of the LORD shall sound and we will be caught up with Him in the air. Just as real as the crucifixion was. Just as real as the resurrection was. So will the second coming of our LORD. He is coming soon. Are you ready? Are you looking up? I pray that we are. ***Luke 21:26-28 People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time, they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. (NIV)***

**Dear LORD, help us to be looking up because our redemption is drawing near. You are coming soon. You will draw us up into Your presence forever. Hallelujah! Even so come Lord Jesus! In Jesus Name, Amen**