

# Easter 2014

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Religion has underestimated the POWER OF JESUS.

Easter is a time when we celebrate the Power of Jesus.

**Revelation 1:18** - I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hell and of Death. **NKJV**

We often see a picture of Jesus as a weak and frail man petting sheep.

**John 10:17-18** – <sup>17</sup> "The Father loves me because I lay down my life that I may have it back again. <sup>18</sup> No one can take my life from me. I lay down my life voluntarily. For I have the right to lay it down when I want to and also the power to take it again. For my Father has given me this command." **NLT**

Take a breath—you can do this only because of Jesus. He upholds all things by the Word of His Power

### **A STRONG JESUS**

- He starts His ministry with a 40-day fast and then overcomes Satan at His weakest moment.
- He then immediately confronts the religious rulers by saying, "Unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of God. He told the religious rulers they were going to Hell.
- Proclaims that He will come back and sit on a glorious throne and judge the nations for eternity (Depart from me; I never knew you!).
- The wind and waves and weather obey Him.
- He walked on water.
- Every disease bows to His presence.
- He restored body parts on lepers.
- He cast demons out of people (Demons shutter at the mention of His name.).
- He raised the dead.
- Drives the money changers out of the temple with a whip

**When they came to arrest Him in the Garden:**

**Matthew 26:53** - Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? **NIV**

**John 18:4-6** – <sup>4</sup> Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?" <sup>5</sup> "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) <sup>6</sup> When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and **fell to the ground.** *NIV*

He told Pilate, the Roman authority, he had no power over Him.

**John 19:10-11** – <sup>10</sup> "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup> Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above..." *NIV*

While possessing the power to be set free He permitted them to:

- Spit upon Him (100+)
- Beat Him in the face (100+)
- Pluck His beard
- Place a crown of thorns upon His head
- Mock Him
- Stripe His back to shreds
- Be nailed to a cross and be executed

They mock Him and tell Him to SAVE HIMSELF.

He then exercised the greatest power and overcame death itself and was raised from the dead!

**What did He exercise this power for?**

**Mark 10:45** - For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to **give my life as a ransom for many.** *NLT*

**Hebrews 12:2** - looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for **the joy that was set before Him** endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. *NKJV*

You are that joy that was set before Him.

**Romans 5:8** - But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. *NIV*

Jesus said He was THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE and that NO ONE would come to the Father, EXCEPT THROUGH HIM!

This is God's universe, and He does things HIS WAY. You may have a better way, but you don't have a universe.