

Jesus Is Alive

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Jesus is alive in everyday life!

Is your marriage in trouble? Has your family been broken? Have you lost your hope for living? Do you feel trapped by life? Jesus came to open prison doors.

We are not here to see through you, but to see you through!

Matthew 28:1-8 – After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ 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." ⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

A lamb slain before the foundations of the world (Rev. 13:8).

2,000 years before Jesus, God set the stage to give his Son.

Genesis 22:1-14 – Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." ³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." ⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. ⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he

replied. ¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." ¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide.

- Isaac and Jesus were both offered by their fathers.
- Isaac and Jesus are both identified as the "Son of Abraham."
- Both were offered as a sacrifice.
- Both were offered in the land of Moriah (perhaps at the very same location).
- Both carried the wood for the sacrifice on their backs.
- Both were bound and placed on top of wood.
- Both willingly allowed themselves to be offered.

John 1:29 – Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away or bears the sin of the world.

- Both were "resurrected" and given back to their fathers on the third day.

Abraham offers Isaac with the hope of a resurrection!

Hebrews 11:17-19 – When God tested Abraham, faith led him to offer his son Isaac. Abraham, the one who received the promises from God, was willing to offer his only son as a sacrifice. ¹⁸ God had said to him, "Through Isaac your descendants will carry on your name." ¹⁹ Abraham believed that God could bring Isaac back from the dead. Abraham did receive Isaac back from the dead in a figurative sense.

A resurrected CHRIST brings a resurrected LIFE!

Romans 5:8-10 – But God introduced his love and put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him. ⁹ Now that we are set right with God by means of this sacrificial death, the consummate blood sacrifice, there is no longer a question of being at odds with God in any way. ¹⁰ If, when we were at our worst, we were put on friendly terms with God by the sacrificial death of his Son, now that we're at our best (justified through Christ), just think of how our lives will expand and deepen by means of his resurrection life!

Jesus wasn't raised from the dead to start a new religion, but to start new lives and redeem man back to relationship with the Father.

John 14:6 – Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 11:25-26 – Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"