

AN EASTER MESSAGE

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST – WHAT IT MEANS FOR US TODAY

(Easter Day, Parua Bay CF – 23/4/2000 – EKB)

Reading: *Mat 26:57-28:20* (Selected verses)

What the Resurrection means to us today.

1. **The price has been paid to forgive all our sins.** As we believe in Jesus Christ and receive Him into our lives as our Lord and God, we can trust Him to forgive all our sins.
1Cor 15:14,17, 1Jn 1:7, Rev 3:20.
2. **The Bible is sure and certain truth,** and all Jesus said will stand forever, *Mat 16:21, Mat 24:35.* He said He would be crucified and be raised again the third day.
3. **Whenever we believe a promise in God's Word, it will be fulfilled,** *1Cor 15:14,17, Num 23:19, 2Cor 1:20,21.*
4. **Now we can receive and be filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit,** *Jn 7:37-39, Jn 16:7.*
5. **Healing from all and every sickness** and every disease is provided for us in Christ, *Mal 4:2, Rom 8:11, Mat 8:17.*
6. **Death, hell and all the powers of darkness have been defeated by Christ,** for all who believe. *Rev 1:18, Heb 2:14, 2Tim 1:10, Col 2:15.*
7. **All believers have been identified with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection** and raised up to walk in newness of life, with victory over sin, *Rom 6:3,4,6,11, Gal 3:27, Col 3:1-3.*
8. **There is coming a day when every person that has believed in Jesus Christ will be raised up** from the dead in their resurrection body to live with and serve God forever. *1Cor 15:22,23,42-44,52-54, 1Thes 4:13-18.*
9. **Jesus Christ will come again to this earth as King** of the Universe and will reign over all nations. *Ac 1:11, Is 2:1-4, Zech 14:9,16, Dan 2:35,44, Rev 21:1-27.*
10. **The earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord.** *Num 14:21, Hab 2:14, Ps 66:4, Ps 72:19, Lk 11:2.*
11. **There is coming a day of judgment** for the whole world, a judgment in righteousness, *Ac 17:31, Ac 10:42, Pro 24:12.*
12. **We have a King and Lord and Saviour who has been raised up far above all principality and power** and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. God has put all things under His feet and given Him to be Head over all things to the Church. *Eph 1:21,22, Phil 2:9-11.* Now in Him and through Him, we are able to walk in victory in this life, *1Cor 15:57,58, 2Cor 2:14, Rom 5:17.*

They crucified Him on a Cross until He died, but He rose again,	<i>Mat 27:50</i>
He poured out His life Blood from His wounds, but He rose again,	<i>Jn 19:34</i>
They put Him in a tomb, but He rose again,	<i>Mat 27:60</i>
They wrapped His body in grave clothes, but He rose again,	<i>Mat 27:59</i>
They sealed the stone over the tomb, but He rose again,	<i>Mat 27:66</i>
The guard was set at the tomb, to make sure the body stayed there, but He rose again,	<i>Mat 27:66</i>
The disciples did not believe, but He rose again,	<i>Mk 16:11-14</i>
The women wept, but He rose again,	<i>Lk 23:27</i>
They prepared spices to embalm Him, but He rose again,	<i>Lk 23:56</i>
The powers of darkness were all around, but He rose again,	<i>Lk 22:53, Ps 22:12,13, Eph 4:8,9, Eph 1:20-23</i>
His soul descended into Hell, but He rose again,	<i>Rev 1:18, 1Pet 3:19, Ac 2:31, Eph 4:9</i>
He bore the sins of all of us, but he rose again,	<i>1Cor 15:3, 1Pet 2:24</i>
He bore all our sicknesses and diseases, but He rose again,	<i>Is 53:4, Mal 4:2, Mat 8:17</i>
He was made a curse for us, but He rose again,	<i>Gal 3:13</i>
His soul was made an offering for sin, but He rose again,	<i>Is 53:10</i>
He bore our iniquities, but he rose again,	<i>Is 53:11</i>
After He had risen He said, "I am he that liveth and was dead, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and hell," <i>Rev 1:18</i> .	