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The Naz Prayer Ministry



Living Evidence

In a few days, we will celebrate together the most significant event in the history of the world, the death and resurrection of Jesus – two distinct moments in a single event of redemption.

If you do an internet search of the most important events in history, you will find truly unbelievable and sometimes purely bizarre items of note scattered among a list of genuinely pivotal points like the bombing of Hiroshima and the fall of the Roman Empire.

But of the numerous lists I found, only a very few included any mention of a Jewish man named Jesus of Nazareth and none included the historical fact of his crucifixion nor an empty tomb where this same Jesus once laid wrapped in burial cloths. And the commonly recognized world-changing events don't even come minimally close to impacting life on earth like the resurrection of Christ.

The reason for this omission is fairly simple. To the secular mind, the resurrection is religious lore, another of the many myths common to all religions. Any quest for the truth by those with religious interests meets with a deluge of tenets and belief systems, all claiming to have the corner on truth. But contradictorily the trending mindset of the culture demands inclusiveness and acceptance of all these "truths" as equally valid.

Too many flavors often invites endless tasting, leading on the one hand to a kind of predictable religious skepticism and distrust; or on the other hand, a fatal and deceptive nirvana-styled contentment.

How then can we share with others the wonder of God's act of grace on Calvary and the nearly unfathomable power of the resurrection? How can we speak to those around us who are steeped in skepticism, to the spiritually ambivalent, or those blindly deceived by their contrived enlightenment?

The secret to sharing such a life-altering message is less about the words and more about its impact. Sharing truth is not negotiable, but the impact of how that truth has changed our lives draws others to listen. The most compelling evidence of the resurrection is the way the Risen Lord has transformed our lives.

The same cowardly disciples who ran and hid in the days leading up to the crucifixion were recognized after the resurrection as men of boldness (Acts 4:13, 29, 31). One of the visitation pastors at my church, was once a man to be feared, an enforcer for the union, but he is now known for his gentleness and grace. He is, as we all should be, living evidence of the Living Lord.

Taking Our Next Step Together

Living Lord, we ask that our lives become the testimonies of your power to those around us. Let them see reflected in us the impact of living in resurrection power. May our lives become the beacon of the transformational truth of who You are and the Life You want to share with them.



He is risen – and I am changed!