

HE IS RISEN





*If it is true,
then the resurrection of Jesus
is the most determinative fact
of the universe,
the center point of history.
The Resurrection is ultimately truer
and more lasting than death or
destruction, violence or viruses.*

The Rev. Tish Harrison Warren
Liturgy of the Ordinary:
Sacred Practices in Everyday Life



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Easter is unsettling, indeed, if you believe in fairy tales. I choose not to. - John Bassler Saugerties,



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This piece is by far the most moving work I've read in the Times, over more than 25 years of readership. Thank you for providing me the frame I desperately need right now. I will talk about it with my children as we celebrate this weekend, capping off our week that started with Passover. - RX

While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Luke 24:25-27

If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead.

Timothy Keller

The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

1 Cor. 15:42-45

But our citizenship is in heaven,
and from it we await a Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ,
who will transform our lowly body
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by the power that enables him
even to subject all things to himself.

Philippians 3:20-21