

Resurrection  
of  
Jesus  
Christ  
From the Dead



The Lord

asks:

Do you

love Me?

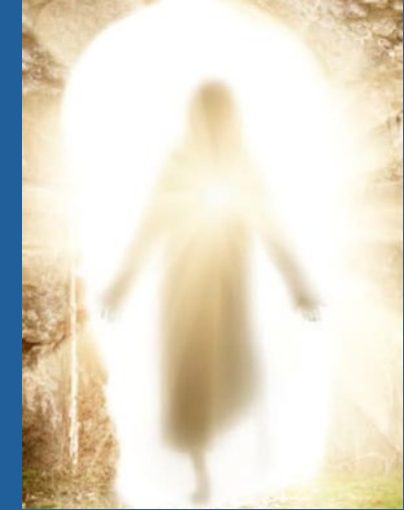




*Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So*

*she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.*

John 20:1-4



*And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.*

*John 20:5-11*

*Augustine says there are three things in history which seem incredible and if judged by human standards are impossible:*

*1) that Christ rose from the dead,*

*2) that the world should have believed so incredible a thing,*

*3) this belief should have established by the preaching of illiterate fishermen*



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The New York Times

OPINION

## The Unsettling Power of Easter

The holiday is about much more than a celebration of spring.

*“Christians, at their best, are the fools who dare believe in God’s power to call dead things to life.”*

*That's always how I felt about Christians. That's why I'm an atheist. - Zarathustra*



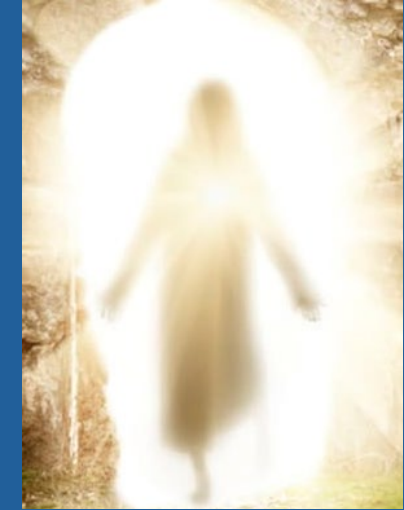
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*Easter is unsettling, indeed, if you believe in fairy tales. I choose not to. - John Bassler*

*Sad. God died for you so you won't have to perish. The choice is indeed yours. But God's love for you is no fairytale. Ed Walla*



*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*



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*And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).*

How are you answering Jesus' question "Do you love me?"

Find ways that increase your experience of Christ's love

Speak out your love for Jesus

Consider that now is your time on earth to love Jesus and love others

