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You were created with a God-given purpose.
Are you living outside of that purpose? It is
easy to allow the cares of the world to rob us
of living life fully.

When Jesus walked the earth, He said, "I have
come that they may have life, and have it in
all its fullness." If you are unfulfilled in the life
you are living, consider seeking out the LIFE
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Come Alive

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**2,000 YEARS AGO THE
WORLD WAS CHANGED
FOREVER.**

Jesus came roaring up from the grave, alive and in love with creation, on a mission to heal our pain and win our hearts and affections. *With love for you*, He overcame death—love so devoted, dynamic, and pure that the grave could not hold Him. During Easter, we remember His great victory over death and eagerly await the day when all of creation enters into new life.

It took Jesus three years of ministry to do what He needed to do. His life had one single storyline: cancel the curse of sin and death.

During those years He faithfully traversed the hot, dusty landscape of Israel, revealing the good news about God, expounding on His promises, and inviting all who would listen to follow Him. Hundreds were healed, miracles took place, and impossible situations were turned around. Everywhere He went people experienced the power of His life.

The religious leaders of the day couldn't stand Jesus, as He disrupted their notions of who God should be. They wanted justice; He preached mercy. They sought judgment; He forgave sinners. They wanted control; He rebuked their hard-heartedness. He was an inconvenience to their systems. God's plan unfolded. Jesus was to die for all of creation, but that was just the beginning...





**PALM
SUNDAY**



**GOOD
FRIDAY**



**EASTER
SUNDAY**

The events of Palm Sunday, often referred to as Jesus' triumphal entry, signaled the coming of the promised Messiah. Israel had been awaiting this moment for hundreds of years. He was the One to make all the wrong things right. Riding into Jerusalem on a simple, lowly donkey signified His humility and meekness, not at all what everyone expected. He did not come intending to overthrow with sword, army, or hostility. His purpose was to lay down His life on our behalf, showing the heart of a true King.

Eyewitnesses saw the brutal torture: His maimed body bleeding on a cross. It's not easy to think about His horrible death, but this very act became humanity's salvation. Hanging there, He uttered His final words, *"It is finished,"* and breathed His last breath. The cross signaled the fulfillment of God's promise to reverse the curse caused by sin and death. Jesus' dead, mangled body went into the grave, bringing an end to sin's control over us. Through the perfect sacrifice of a perfect man, sin and guilt lost their power over creation.

God's redemptive plan was validated on that Sunday morning. Jesus shattered the shackles of the grave and arose in power and blinding light, with explosive love, and the charge to heal humanity's woes. Jesus' sacrificial love and obedience overcame the curse of sin and death and restored our relationship with God. His resurrection became our hope for a new life. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead can enter your heart and give you new life. The resurrection of Jesus is God's powerful statement of faithfulness, and every Sunday wherever Christians gather, they do so to remember and rejoice.



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- + GOD'S LOVE CHANGED THE WORLD FOREVER.
- + SIN AND DEATH WERE OVERCOME.
- + GUILT AND SHAME LOST THEIR POWER.
- + NEW LIFE IS GUARANTEED.
- + ALL THINGS WILL BE MADE NEW.

Do you know your value to God? He does not define you based on past mistakes or failures. Your life is not the sum of your decisions. You are His creation, made in His image. God's desire for you determines your worth. He loved you so much that He sent His Son to take the place of your past mistakes. This is mercy. Jesus lived a perfect life and laid it down so you could start over and find meaning in God's love. He gave His life up so you could enter into a new one. *What will your story be?*

> **START A
CONVERSATION
WITH JESUS.**

HE OFFERS HOPE AND A
CHANCE AT NEW LIFE. COME
ALIVE TO HIS MERCY TODAY.

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about the hope of Easter?
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