

Listen to the voice of reason!

John 21:1-14

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Easter break is a date on the calendar every year. Many people plan to travel to see the most beautiful places during this time with their loved ones. The question to be asked is why is this event on the calendar and what does it really mean to us all? Do we even take time to consider this holiday?

Christmas time is a reminder of the birth of Jesus Christ as a human being on earth by the Virgin Mary as prophesied by the prophet Isaiah. He, Jesus, was there in the beginning with the Father. He declares that he and the Father are one. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Behold, *“unto us a child is born and unto us a Son is given”* (Isaiah 9:6).

The plan of God to save his people from the bondage of sin begins to unfold from the birth of Emmanuel. God is Spirit but required a human body in order to carry out his plan of salvation. He who knew no sin becomes a sin offering that through his death he may reconcile man back to himself.

“Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool” (Isaiah 1:18). His BLOOD on the cross as the cancelation of our debt has made this possible. The shedding of His blood has broken the power of darkness. Now this is not flesh and blood but a spiritual battle, yet praise His name that he defeated the enemy, the devil, once and for all. IT IS FINISHED.

In Isaiah 43:25 we read the following: *“I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for my own sake; and I will not remember your sins.”* PRAISE HIS GLORIOUS NAME. If God, the Almighty, does not remember your sins, why should you? We ought not take the time to ponder on the former things.

“Behold, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” was the cry of John the Baptist when he saw Him approaching to be baptized. We nailed him who knew no sin on the cross.

Jesus lived a prophetic life; his birth, his life, his death and resurrection were foretold by the prophets. He fulfilled everything and that’s why having paid the price on the cross he said JOB DONE, RANSOM PAID. Now we have been liberated. To prove this, he defeated death (swallow up) and rose again from the dead on the third day. This he did to justify that our debt has been paid in full,

and note that his word does not go back to him void. He said he will rise again and did just that. He has the power to lay down his life and take it up again. He is GOD.

Friends, we now come to chapter 21 of the gospel according to John and the encounter with some of his disciples. We see that some of his followers decided to go back to their old trade of fishing. They were meant to fish men, were they not? Jesus at the beginning of his ministry said to them, ***“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”***

So, then what made them go back to fishing? Were they bored, stressed? Did they lack the vision? Did they not understand their mission in life? The sudden death and the news of resurrection had not really sunk in yet. They were bewildered, since they had just lost their friend, their teacher and master! The death of Christ and his resurrection were still a shock to them.

He reappears to reassure them that he had risen again from the dead as he promised he would do!

How is your life today? You too have heard and experienced the Easter message. Has that changed your life? Have you given any thought to your way of life? Are you at the wheel of your life? The disciples of Jesus toiled the whole night without any catch until the Voice of Reason told them to cast the net to the right side of the boat. My, oh my, what a catch! Jesus is our source of everything. He is the giver of all things. Are we in control of our own lives? I will challenge you to listen to the wise WORDS of Jesus, who is telling us that we ought to walk in newness of Life (Romans 6:4).

The world is advancing and progressing, so they tell us. Yet we make weapons of mass destruction to kill each other. Too many rape cases daily of people even as young as 12 years old! Shootings are on the high and so are teen issues! The divorce rate is on the high too.

The disciples are overjoyed when they suddenly realize that it is the Lord. He is the only one who gives us the joy and satisfaction of our souls. Jesus has risen from the dead and you and I can be free from the bondage of sin and powers of darkness. He came not for the healthy but for the sick. He said salvation has come to the house when he addressed the chief tax collector named Zacchaeus. In this story we see that Zacchaeus had climbed the tree in order to have a glimpse of this great teacher called Jesus. Jesus was willing to meet with him. Christ is calling you. He is willing to wipe away your sin if only you let him. It is the sick who require a doctor and not the healthy. When you fall ill, the logical thing to do is to call a doctor for an appointment. So, call on the Maker today because he knows us inside out. All things are open to him.

We all have sinned and fallen short of his glory. Friends, true joy comes from knowing the Lord God personally and not from a distance, but as our Father and Lord.

“May your Kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matt. 6:10)

THE Lord is victorious, the curtain has been torn in two, and your sins have been taken care of by his blood. HE rose again to justify this and now we have eternal life.

“For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons by whom we cry out, ‘Abba! Father!’” (Romans 8:15)