

It's time to Cheer!

by Janet Gehlhar

Easter morning is thrilling. We rejoice and sing, "Alleluia" for we are celebrating Jesus' victory over sin and Satan.

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.' " Then they remembered his words. (Luke 24:6-8)



I try to imagine myself as one of the women who went to the grave early Easter morning filled with sorrow and bewilderment over what had happened to Jesus. Arriving to find the stone rolled away and an empty tomb must have been overwhelming in their state of grief. And then, to see an angel and to hear him say that Jesus has risen! The angel reminded them what they already knew, but had forgotten. Jesus had told them that on the third day He would rise. Oh, yeah-- that makes sense now. The shock at this complete turn of events must have sent their heads spinning. Their deep grief was changed to extreme joy and amazement that Jesus was alive. Before they had completely comprehended what had just happened, they ran to share the good news. What an emotional roller coaster!

God is all powerful and Easter is another example of His supremacy. Jesus paid the penalty for my sins on the cross, and by his resurrection, He showed that I, too, can look forward to eternity in heaven. How humbling to think that this same God is the one who loves me, forgives me, and has a place in heaven waiting for me with my name on it.

I'm going to sing the Easter hymns with gusto because my thankfulness can't be held in. Praise God!



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Scripture References: Matthew 16:21; Luke 24:26, 46; Galatians 2:15

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