

Easter 2015  
He is the God of the Living  
Matthew 22:32

Introduction

- \* Today's Message - 'He is the God of the Living' from **Matt 22:32**
- \* Inspired - Resurrection of Jesus – but also the Bldg in the Banner Behind me
- \* Banner/Photo – Bldg built over the Tomb of the Patriarchs – Machpelah (Double Cave)

The First Resurrection

- \* Determined before the Foundation/Earth ☺...Begin/Worship Began/Hosanna/Palm Sunday
- \* Thur PM – Passover Meal/Last Supper/Communion; Prayer Garden; Betrayal/Arrest/Trials
- \* Fri AM – Crucified
- \* **Matt 27:45-28:7** – Risen from the Dead! (“Doubting Thomas”... How many/you seen?)
- John 20:29** - Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”
- \* Go Back...He's the God of the Living...
- \* **Matt 27:51-53** – Greatest Drafting/Slipstreaming - to drive or ride close behind another car so as to benefit from the reduction in air pressure created behind the car ahead

The Way of the Resurrection

- \* **Matthew 22:23-32**
- 1) Have you not read...Never Read/Heard, Only Read/They Tell
- 2) I am the God of Abraham...of Isaac...of Jacob; God is not/God/dead/but of the Living
- \* Saying is Abraham, Isaac & Jacob are, present tense, alive! But how???
- \* By being made right by God...let's go WAY back...
- \* **Genesis 15:1-6** – By being made right with God, by God, by Faith in God (His Word)

The Reality of the Resurrection

**Mark 5:1-15** - The Demoniac – Set Free/Peace – By Faith!

**Mark 5:21-42** - Jairus' Daughter – Religious Ruler – By Your faith!

**Luke 23:39-43** - Thief – The Guilty - Today you will be w/Me/Paradise(Heaven) – By Faith!

The Offer of the Resurrection

- \* St. George News Article – Patrons can expect “a chance to respond to the Gospel message that will bring forgiveness, peace, hope and fulfillment into their lives that will enable them to leave singing, 'It Is Well With My Soul,'
- Galatians 3:5-7** - Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 6 just as Abraham “believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” 7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.
- \* Religious Heritage/Physical Genealogy can save us; Only those who are of faith/Word/God
- Romans 3:23-24** - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, (Abraham sinned, Isaac sinned, Jacob, You Me)

### Altar Call (Worship Team)

Young Man/Hillside Sea of Galilee - Oppressed/Bondage – Drugs, Alcohol, Prescription Drugs, Pornography, Unrealistic Expectations/World/How Body Look, Ungodly relationship; Cutting Yourself/Medicating Yourself – Feel like walking dead; Depressed/Hopeless/Tired – Sucking the Life Out of You – Dragging you Down– To the Grave – Thinking about Suicide – Step into the Draft/Slipstream of Jesus –

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Religious/Ruler – Know in your hearts of hearts – You know YOU! - that you cannot do enough to justify yourself; that religion is powerless to Resurrection you, BUT your trapped in the System/Draft of Religion - Fear if you Leave – You will crash! – Bring yourself and your loved ones, family, friends to Christ!

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Thief on the Cross – Know Guilty – You’re “caught up in your culture/community” that says what you’re doing is right – BUT you know it’s Wrong - You Know Christ is Right! (eous) – But you have rejected religion cause you didn’t need any more rules to break - You want to be made righteous – Call Him Lord today!

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### Conclusion

**1 Corinthians 15:17–20 (NKJV)** — **17** And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! **18** Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. **19** If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. **20** But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

\* Put Your Faith in Him, in His Word... & He will resurrect you also!