

Thought for the day 27th June Written by Joan Gray

Matthew 28 v 1 - 10 The Resurrection of Jesus.

Verse 5 & 6 But the angel said to the women. Do not be afraid I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here for he has been raised: as he said. Come see the place where he lay.

I wonder if you like me are finding it hard to believe that we are moving towards the evenings drawing in with less hours of daylight, Where has the year or what feels like a large chunk of it disappeared too.

There have been so many events cancelled and holidays gone by the way, Birthdays along with anniversaries of different types have been so different these last months. How often have you heard the words, life will never be the same again.

And yet today for a few moments will you travel back with me? Back to Easter and the dawning of another day after which life would never be the same again. The realisation that their teacher and friend Jesus was indeed risen from the dead.

It was around this time that I received a youtube link from a friend. There was no indication as to what it would take me to watch. After I had clicked the button and watched. I was delighted and also transported back in time. Although I was really enjoying what was happening on the screen I also was eager for it to finish so I could send a message saying thanks for it and explaining my pleasure. The link was for one of those old hymns most of us will probably know well, Yet it may be some time since you sang this one.

As much as I really enjoy a lot of the modern hymns and think the hymn writer so often puts into words what I wish to express. If I am out walking or working around the house with no-one else around. It is on most occasions the old hymns that come to mind.

As word spread that Jesus was alive and I guess the gossips of the day would be giving out different versions and varying accounts based upon what they themselves had been told. The true message did get around and people did believe and some saw that it was very true and so they also spread the word. This made it for all those many people that life would never be the same again.

Many people now are wondering if life for them will ever be the same again and more people are hearing and watching the gospel message being told today than when the church buildings were open for worship. It could be that they have decided to follow Jesus and already know that life will never be the same as it was.

The hymn I have chosen is a different version to the one my friend sent to me which I hope you will really enjoy.

The words of the hymn remind us of the fact that it is

“Because He Lives, I can face tomorrow. Because Christ lives, all fear is gone,”

“Because I know who holds the future and life is worth the living, just because he lives”.

Such reassurance in these words for whatever the new normal will be in the days ahead.

A Prayer,

Faithful Lord, as we remember that day when life changed for us and would never be the same again. We give thanks for the many who have listened or watched your gospel message on-line or radio for the first time or maybe for many years. We know what a transformation this can make to how a person lives. If they have decided to commit their lives to you Lord we give thanks and rejoice. We also pray that as we now begin to look to our places of worship reopening. Our prayer is that they will find a place to be nurtured and grow in their new found faith. For life will never be the same again. In your name Lord we offer this prayer. Amen.

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