

# **“Easter: What Does It Matter to Me?”**

(Romans 1:1-5; 1 Corinthians 15:14-22)

## **What is Easter Really About? Does it Matter?**

**Today: Recount the Story of Easter, Present Reasons Why Easter does Matter, and Let You Decide if it Matter to You**

### **I. The Story of Easter**

**Jesus Christ, who claimed to be the Son of God, Died by Crucifixion and He Rose Again from the Dead on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day**

- A. Jesus’ Prophecies of His Crucifixion and Resurrection (John 3:14-15; Matthew 16:21; John 12:31-33)**
- B. Jesus’ Trials and His Crucifixion: Tomb Guarded and Sealed**
- C. Jesus’ Burial, Resurrection and Post-Resurrection Appearances (Acts 1:3): The Bible Record and the Non-Christian Secular Sources**

### **II. What Does the Resurrection of Jesus Christ Mean to You and Me?**

- A. What Difference Does It Make?**

**Three Aspects: Our Past, Our Present and Our Future**

- B. The Scriptural Answer (Romans 1:1-5)**

- **Prior to “Becoming” a Descendant of David, Jesus is the “Son of God” – He is Deity**
- **Jesus Christ is the Fulfillment of the Gospel Promised in the Old Testament**
- **Jesus is the Gospel – the Good News**

**The Gospel Message: Christ Died for our Sins, was Buried and Rose Again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day (cp. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4)**

- C. Connecting the Solution to the Cause of Men’s Problems (1 Corinthians 15:21-22)**

**Mankind Inherited the Nature of Sin, and the Consequence of Sin – Death;  
All are Born Separated from the Holy God – the Source of Life**

- **Performance Remedy vs. Grace-based Remedy**

**Why the Grace-based Solution? It is because God Loves You and Me**

#### **Reflection: A Challenge**

**Your Intellect (1 Corinthians 15:14-20), Your Emotion and Your Will**

**Make this Easter Special... By Placing your Faith in Jesus Christ, you can have Peace with God, and Build a Growing Relationship with Him**