

# Resurrection Day!

Who ever heard of Resurrection Day? Well, I confess that that name for Easter is relatively new to me, but it makes a lot of sense.

"Easter" is objectionable to some because of its roots in pagan festivals or worship. Some refuse to observe Easter at all just because of the name. But rather than fuss about all that, how about we call it Resurrection Day!

So, Resurrection Day.

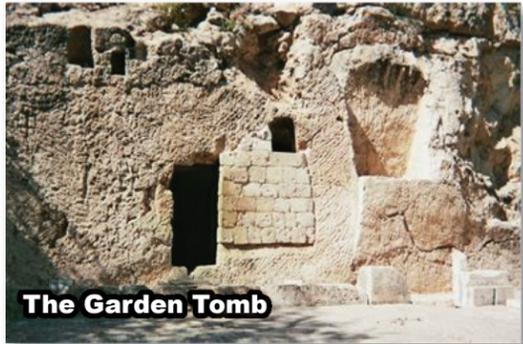
As Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ Jesus, so Resurrection Day celebrates the resurrection of Christ.



**Garden of Gethsemane, Jerusalem, Israel**

"So what?" a person might ask in this darkening day and age of little or no faith and even less knowledge of our Biblical roots as a nation and society. So what?? Here's what.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Nothing is certain except death and taxes." We were born into the certainty that one day we would die, and if you're anything like me (God help you), you keep pushing the idea of death to the back of your mind, and ignore it best you can.



**The Garden Tomb**

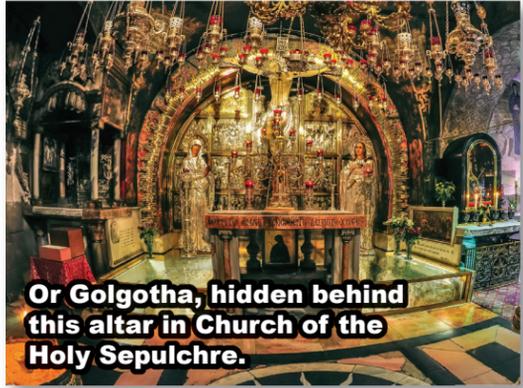
The human dilemma we live with is that deep down inside, we suspect or even know that there should be much, much more for us than to be born, live in a difficult and frustrating world, and then just -- pfft! -- we die. That just doesn't feel right. But so many drown out thoughts of that dilemma with cell phones, or with alcohol, or with personal achievement -- anything but facing it head on and examining where those suspicions of something more come from.



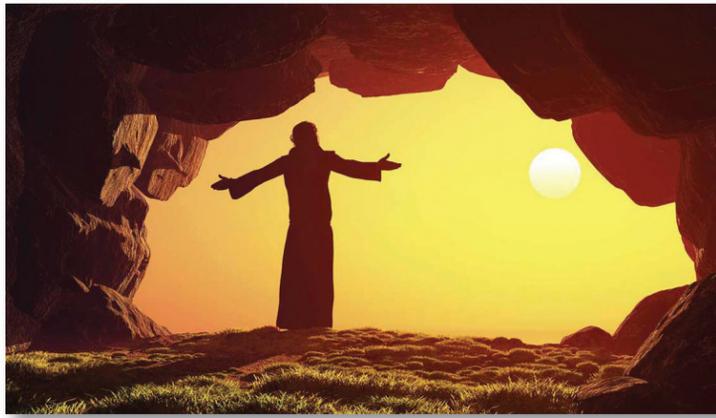
**Golgotha?**

Resurrection Day. The answer to all of that. Wow!!

We don't have to be born, live a hum-drum existence in a frustrating world and then just -- pfft! -- die. We weren't cre-



**Or Golgotha, hidden behind this altar in Church of the Holy Sepulchre.**



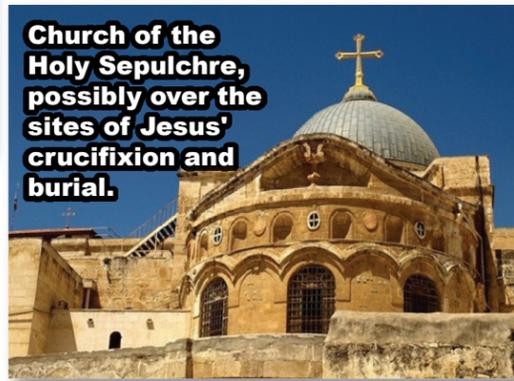
ated for that. We were created to worship our Creator, God. But we were born into a broken world and are broken ourselves, so we need a way back to Him.

God provided that way, if we follow His pathway out. He sent His Son Jesus to tell us about the Way out of this mess, but He was killed by those who didn't want to hear His message and were threatened by it. On Friday, the Romans executed God's Son in their most horribly painful way, by nailing Him up to a cross. His followers thought it was all over and were devastated.



**The Aedicule in Church of the Holy Sepulchre, over another version of Jesus' tomb**

But Resurrection Day! On Sunday, the third day, Jesus came alive again, defeating death, which was the legacy left by God's enemy Satan, and showing those who will hear and BELIEVE and then OBEY, that there IS a way out of this mess, and that death is NOT the certainty for every person.



**Church of the Holy Sepulchre, possibly over the sites of Jesus' crucifixion and burial.**

It's not Easter bunnies and Easter egg hunts and cute little baskets and lots of candy. That's something totally different. Resurrection Day is a time to celebrate our freedom from our old nemesis Death, since Jesus paid the penalty for our brokenness and then told Death to go to where it belongs -- to Hell.



**The Last Supper (unlikely but traditional)**

*"If in Christ we have hope[b] in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead."* I Corinthians 15:19-21. (Read the whole chapter to the end. It's great!)

So cool! I hope you celebrate Resurrection Day 'way more than "Easter"!

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## Christ Arose Hymn

by Robert Lowry

Low in the grave He lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior! Wait - ing the com - ing day,  
Vain - ly they watch His bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior! Vain - ly they seal the dead,  
Death cannot keep His prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior! He tore the bars a - way,

Stanza 1:

Low in the grave He lay,

Jesus my Savior,

Waiting the coming day,

Jesus my Lord!

Chorus:

Up from the grave He arose,

With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,

He arose a Victor

from the dark domain,

And He lives forever,

with His saints to reign.

He arose! He arose!

Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Stanza 2:

Vainly they watch His bed,

Jesus my Savior,

Vainly they seal the dead,

Jesus my Lord!

Stanza 3:

Death cannot keep its prey,

Jesus my Savior,

He tore the bars away,

Jesus my Lord!

## The Babylon Bee



**You're Perfect Just The Way You Are: Op-Ed By Satan**

(This is satire! LG)

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Hey again, human who doesn't believe I'm real! It's me, Satan. I've been noticing something recently. All the humans I have run into for the past couple of millennia—we're talking billions of people here—have all been sinners. Every. Single. One! No matter how hard some of you bozos have tried, you keep failing in this hopeless endeavor to stop sinning. And yet, for some reason I can't fathom, there are still some of you who are out there working to 'overcome sin'!

Take it from your real friend, Satan: Your sin is not that big of a deal! Do you really think you're the only woman out there gossiping, or the only guy watching porn? Are you the only parents neglecting to spend time with your children so you can watch TV and play video games? Please. Plus, it's not like you're some dictator out there invading Ukraine. So what if you hold angry grudges against your family? So, do the Lord of Darkness a solid and just give up. If it makes you feel better, use some cultural clichés to help the medicine go down, such as: You're perfect just the way you are! Be true to yourself! Or maybe you're one of those church types and need to couch it in some spiritual language. How about: God isn't judging you, so stop judging yourself! Jesus calls you to just accept and love yourself! You only need to repent of not being true to the person God made you!

Trust me, it will be so much easier. Allow me to be the little angel on your shoulder saying, "You do you!" Life is simpler when you just give in to your impulses and stop pretending like there is some external, objective standard you're supposed to adhere to. The only guide you need is the one already inside you, telling you what you want at each moment. You're the boss!

I must be off, we're putting on another production of RENT for the 1,873rd night in a row and I have to be sure all of Hell is in attendance. Hopefully, see you soon! - Satan



### On The Lighter Side . . . Contributed from the Web

I'm not so sure about an inner child, but I have an inner idiot that surfaces every now and then.

**IF YOU LOVE SOMETHING, SET IT FREE. IF IT COMES BACK, IT'S YOURS. IF IT DOESN'T, IT NEVER WAS. AND IF IT JUST SITS THERE ON THE SOFA, WATCHING TV, UNAWARE THAT IT'S BEEN SET FREE, YOU PROBABLY MARRIED IT OR GAVE BIRTH TO IT!**



"Wash his face first . . . to make sure he's ours."



Never lose your glasses again!