



The Resurrection—Jesus Conquers Death

Without Easter Sunday, Christianity would look similar to most other religions. It would include inspiring stories and guidance for how to live, and it would tell about a religious leader...who died. And that would be the end of it.

But Jesus didn't stay dead. He rose to life, proving that he was God, demonstrating that he'd paid the penalty for our sins, conquering death, and opening the way for us to live eternally with him in heaven. The truth of Jesus' resurrection is at the core of Christian belief—for his new life is a symbol of death's defeat, Jesus' victory, and *our new lives*! As Paul wrote in Romans 6:4, "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

Christianity stands apart, atop all the other religions of the world. Christianity is unique because it is about more than an important and dead historical figure—Jesus is a risen Savior. He is alive. He is risen indeed!