

People of the Risen King

Matthew 5.3-10

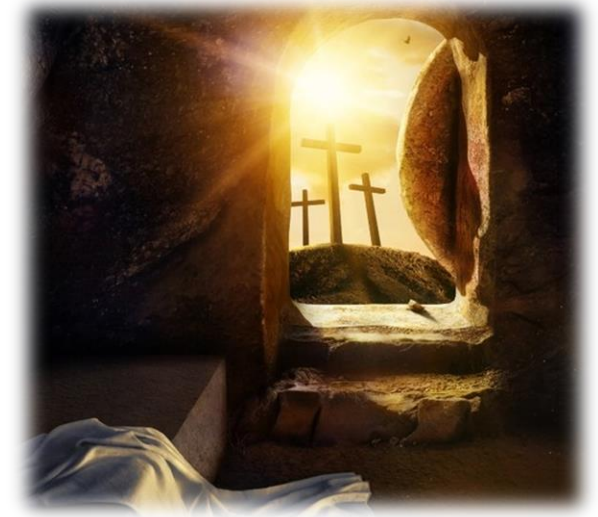
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Christ has Risen!

**... Hallelujah, Christ has risen
indeed!**



The King's Manifesto for Easter People

- 5.1-16 The disciple's character and influence.
- 5.17-48 The disciple's righteousness – anchored in Christ.
- 6.1-18 The disciple's religious practices – for real, not for reel.

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- 6.19-7.12 The disciple's preoccupation – serve God, not money. Don't judge but ask.
- 7.13-29 The disciple's choices – narrow gate, good fruit & practise truths.

Case study?

Practising Matthew 5.3-8

- ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.



Practising Matthew 5.3-8

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.



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Is this possible?



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Only Good Friday, no Easter?

1 Cor 15.17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.



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But with Easter...

1 Cor 15.20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep... ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Conclusion

Live as people of the risen King!

- Peace in calamity
- Joy in adversity
- Hope in trial

Live in the light of Easter, in the kingdom of Jesus.

