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**Sunday, March 23, 2008**

**Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18**

**TODAY'S THOUGHT: We live and die; Christ died and lived!**

**—John Stott**

Today is the greatest day on the Christian calendar. The events of this day had an enormous impact on human history. It's Easter. For three days, the disciples had three words on their minds: "He is dead."

On Easter morning, and every morning, noon and night for the rest of their lives, they also had only three words on their minds: "He is risen!"

People often want proof of the resurrection. There's isn't any proof, at least not any proof in a scientific sense. In fact there are only two things that are incontrovertibly true: First, there was a historical person named Jesus about 2,000 years ago and he got in trouble with the law and was executed by the Romans. We know this from the witness of the Bible, as well as from the witness of a few contemporary sources.

Second, we know that shortly after Jesus died, his disciples, hitherto a fearful, cowering lot, began to proclaim that Jesus was alive. That they did this is an undeniable truth. Their zeal and energy turned the world upside down.

Why they would risk their very lives to preach what they knew was a lie, is beyond me. In fact, even though we today have no way to offer incontrovertible evidence that would pass muster in historical and scientific research laboratories, the disciples knew he was alive, because they recognized the risen Jesus in his appearances to them. All we know is that, shortly after Jesus died, the disciples went berserk with joy. He is risen! The news changed their lives. The news changed the world.

But has it changed you? That's a good question to ponder on this Easter day. As Christians, every day is a resurrection day, as surely as the sun rises in the east each morning. Let's not miss an opportunity to recognize the risen Christ and share the good news. Death is conquered, sin is defeated, Satan is cast out. Good News, indeed!

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday: Numbers 18-20
- Monday: Numbers 21-24
- Tuesday: Numbers 25-27
- Wednesday: Numbers 28-30
- Thursday: Numbers 31-33
- Friday: Numbers 34-36
- Saturday: Psalms 31-32



**BEHOLD,  
CHRIST HAS RISEN!**

**ONE LETTER  
MAKES  
A DIFFERENCE!**

Change one letter  
in each word to  
spell seven words  
associated with  
the word LAND

1. TREK \_\_\_\_\_
2. BRASS \_\_\_\_\_
3. DART \_\_\_\_\_
4. SHONE \_\_\_\_\_
5. WELD \_\_\_\_\_
6. HALL \_\_\_\_\_
7. DOCK \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM START TO FINISH**

Fill in each box with a letter to form  
a common word.

<b>B</b>				<b>B</b>
<b>F</b>				<b>F</b>
<b>G</b>				<b>G</b>
<b>N</b>				<b>N</b>
<b>P</b>				<b>P</b>
<b>W</b>				<b>W</b>

Answers to "One Letter"  
Letter: 1. tree,  
2. grass, 3. dirt,  
4. stone, 5. well,  
6. hill, 7. rock. Start  
to Finish: blurb,  
fluff, going, nylon,  
plump (or pinup),  
widow.