

Living like He's Living  
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In life, often times things happen that we don't expect. I was recently playing "Words with Friends" (Online Scrabble) and found myself down by a ton of points and considered the game unwinnable. However, as the game progressed, I slowly cut away at the lead and ended up claiming the victory! I certainly didn't expect that. In the same way, when the women went to the tomb in the early morning of Easter, they did not expect Jesus to be alive. Even though Jesus had told them He would die and rise again, they did not recall His words. Perhaps the burden of their sadness was all they could think about. As a result they and others experienced a terrible feeling of sadness, disappointment and fear. He was alive, but sadly, they were living as though He was not.

Christians today can live the same kind of way. We may know that Jesus is alive, but we don't always show it by our actions. We see this by how we react to some of the difficult things we face in life. When we see violence, injustice and tragedy, how do we respond? Sometimes we feel like giving up and believing there's no hope for this world. When there are times of uncertainty, how do we respond? Sometimes we worry and are filled with anxiety. When there are challenging assignments that God hands to us, how do we respond? Sometimes we doubt whether or not they can get done. If those are our responses to the difficulties of life, it sure doesn't seem as though we are living as though He's living. Secondly, how do we sometimes interact with the risen Lord? Sometimes we neglect our prayer lives, fail to study His words and refuse to obey how He calls us to live. Again, we may know He's alive, but when we avoid Him in these ways, we sure don't show it by our actions.

But I write to you today to remind you that He has risen, He has risen indeed! And if you haven't been, I invite you to live as though He's living!

Rather than giving up on this world, remember that Jesus is alive and thus at work in the world today. He can still convict the heart of even the vilest person and offers comfort to those who are the victims of awful tragedies. Rather than being a worry wart, remember that Jesus is alive and thus will guide us through all of our times of uncertainty. Rather than doubting whether or not we can accomplish an assignment given from God, remember that Jesus is alive and thus will help us to complete all that we are given to do. And rather than neglecting our relationship with Jesus, remember that He is alive and thus strive to get to know Him and be obedient unto Him more and more.

Jesus is alive, let live as though He's living.