**THE POWER OF OUR RISEN SAVIOR**

**John 10:17-18**

[**17**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-10-17/)**Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.**

[**18**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-10-18/)**No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*My Savior was dead, but on the third day my Savior arose powerfully from the dead; His power isn’t gone!**

**\*\* Let me tell you something about His Resurrection.**

**1. His Resurrection Was Powerfully Promised!
John 2:19-22 19Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 20Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?  21 But he spake of the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.**

 **A. You can Believe the Savior that He is alive!**

 **B. You can Believe the Scripture that He is Alive!**

**2. His Resurrection Was Powerfully Planned!
Matthew 12:40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**

 **A. His Death was Planned**

**\*\*His death was not a Mistake or a Mishap.**

 **B. His Deliverance was Planned**

**\*\*His deliverance was not a Coincidence or a Conspiracy.**

**3. His Resurrection Was Powerfully Proven!**

**Luke 24:1-3** [**1**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-24-1/)**Now upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them.** [**2**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-24-2/)**And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.** [**3**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-24-3/)**And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.**

**\*\* The resurrection of Jesus has been proven.**

 **A. The Proof has been Established**

 **\*\*The Unoccupied Sepulcher is proof.**

 **\*\*The Unbelievable Scars is proof.**

 **\*\*The Undeniable Savior is proof.**

 **B. The Proof has been Exhibited**

 **\*\*They witnessed His Appearing.**

 **\*\*They witnessed His Ascension.**

**\*\*As believers together we’ve gathered here to worship our risen Savior because we know Jesus lives.**

**I Corinthians 15:14, 17** [**14**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Corinthians-15-14/)**And if Christ be not risen, then *is* our preaching vain, and your faith *is* also vain.**

[**17**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Corinthians-15-17/) **And if Christ be not raised, your faith *is* vain; ye are yet in your sins.**

**\*\*If you believe upon the Lord and trust Him as your Savior and believe Christ by His own power rose from death, then your faith in not in vain.**

**\*\*Those who put their faith in believing that Christ did not arise from the grave after dying have a belief system that will fail them, and their faith in this lie is in vain!**

**SONG:**

**Jesus is Alive and Well!**

**\*\*Since my risen Savior had the power to resurrect from the dead, that means my risen Savior has other powers!**

**I. OUR RISEN SAVIOR HAS POWER TO REDEEM**

**Romans 3:24** - **Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:**

 **A. He Finds and Redeems**

 **1. He finds Lost Souls to Rebirth**

 **2. He finds Lost Sheep to Restore**

**\*\*When He finds you, you will know it is Him, and you won’t have a doubt that He is alive!**

 **B. He Forgives and Redeems**

 **1. He forgives Sinners.**

 **2. He forgives Sin.**

**\*\*You can know that Jesus is alive by simply seeing the change that only He could make in a person’s life!**

 **C. He Feeds and Redeems**

 **1. He feeds the Saved – His Children**

 **2. He feeds the Servants – His Church**

**Psalms 37:25-26** [**25**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-37-25/)**I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.** [**26**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-37-26/)***He is* ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed *is* blessed.**

**\*\*I know Jesus has power because I haven’t seen His seed Begging, and I have seen His seed Blessed!**

 **D. He Fellowships and Redeems**

 **1. He fellowships with His Flock.**

 **2. He fellowships with His Family.**

 **3. He fellowships with His Friends.**

**\*\*I know Jesus’ power because His fellowship redeems me!**

 **E. He’s Faithful and Redeems**

 **1. He’s faithful to Care.**

 **2. He’s faithful to Comfort.**

**\*\*Jesus frees, atones, and redeems us daily! He’s alive!**

**II. OUR RISEN SAVIOR HAS POWER TO REVIVE**

**Isaiah 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.**

**\*\*I still believe that Jesus has the power to revive us and . .**

 **A. Cause Us to be Changed**

 **1. He can** **Change Your Attitude**

**\*\*He has power enough to change . . .**

 **a. Your Attitude Toward God’s Worship**

**(Give Him Glory and Give Him Gratitude)**

 **b. Your Attitude toward God’s Work**

 **c. Your Attitude toward God’s Ways
 2. He can Change Your Affections
 a. He can cause us to love the Person of God
 b. He can cause us to love the People of God
 c. He can cause us to love the Power of God
 d. He can cause us to love the Praises of God**

 **3. He can Change Your Actions**

**\*\*He can make us have actions that are more involved with the Savior, more involved with the Scripture, and more involved with the Services!
 4. He can Change Your Attendance**

 **a. Dry services makes Spirit-filled Christians Thirsty**

 **b. Dead Services makes Spirit-filled Christians Troubled**

 **B. Cause Us to be Challenged**

**\*\*Jesus has power enough to cause us to be . . .**

 **1. Challenged to Give
\*\* Give our Time, our Testimony, our Talents, and our Tithes**

 **2. Challenged to Grow**

**\*\* To Grow in Faith, in Faithfulness, in Fruitfulness**

 **3. Challenged to Go
 a. To Go on Living!
\*\* Living Re-born! Living Redeemed! Living Rededicated! Living Revived!
 b. Go on Loving!
\*\* Loving Christ, Loving Church, Loving Christians**

 **C. Cause Us to be Committed**

 **1. Commit your Hands to God’s Work**

 **2. Commit your Heart to God’s Worship**

 **3. Commit your Home to God’s Ways**

**\*\*I still believe Jesus has power enough to revive!**

**III. OUR RISEN SAVIOR HAS POWER TO RETURN**

**I Thessalonians 4:16 16For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

 **A. Jesus has Power Enough to Return and Rescue**

 **1. His Return will be a Sudden Rescue**

**\*\*”Caught up” means to be snatched away, and I Corinthians 15:52 says it will be “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,”**

 **2. His Return will be a Selective Rescue**

**\*\*It’s only those who have died in Christ or is alive in Christ!**

 **3. His Return will be a Serious Rescue**

**Matthew 24:44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.**

 **a. You better be Right**

 **b. You better be Ready.**

 **4. His Return will be a Sensational Rescue**

 **a. The Entrance will be Jesus!**

 **b. The Exit will be Joyous!**

 **B. Jesus has Power Enough to Return and Reunite**

 **1. We will meet the Saints**

**\*\* “caught up together with them”**

 **2. We will meet the Savior**

**\*\* “to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord”.**

**\*\*I still believe that Jesus has power enough to return!**

**CLOSE**

**1. Are you here this Easter morning because you really believe in Jesus and His Power?**

**2. Well, let’s see if you really believe in Jesus’ power.**

**3. Have you ever believed upon Jesus and have believed He is powerful enough to redeem you?**

**4. Do you still believe Jesus is powerful enough to revive Christians and Churches?**

**5. Do you still believe Jesus is powerful enough to return?**

**\*\*Can you come and believe that Jesus is powerful enough to handle whatever problem that troubles your heart today or whichever sin that troubles your soul?**

**I Corinthians 15:3-4** [**3**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Corinthians-15-3/) **For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;**

[**4**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Corinthians-15-4/) **And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**

**\*\*If you can believe that Jesus had power enough to rise from the dead, then you can come to this altar and believe that Jesus has the power to save you and change you!**

**\*\*Will you believe and trust in the power of our risen Savior today?**