

By President
Thomas S. Monson



“He Is Risen”

A PROPHET’S TESTIMONY

The clarion call of Christendom,” President Thomas S. Monson has declared, is that Jesus of Nazareth rose from the dead. “The reality of the Resurrection provides to one and all the peace that surpasses understanding” (see *Philippians 4:7*).¹

In the following excerpts, President Monson shares his testimony of and gratitude for the Savior’s Resurrection and declares that because the Son conquered death, all of the Father’s children who come to earth will live again.

Life beyond Mortality

“I believe that none of us can conceive the full import of what Christ did for us in Gethsemane, but I am grateful every day of my life for His atoning sacrifice in our behalf.

“At the last moment, He could have turned back. But He did not. He passed beneath all things that He might save all things. In doing so, He gave us life beyond this mortal existence. He reclaimed us from the Fall of Adam.

“To the depths of my very soul, I am grateful to Him. He taught us how to live. He taught us how to die. He secured our salvation.”²

Dispelling the Darkness of Death

“In certain situations, as in great suffering and illness, death comes as an angel of mercy. But for the most part, we think of it as the enemy of human happiness.

“The darkness of death can ever be dispelled by the light of revealed truth. ‘I am the resurrection, and the life,’ spoke the Master. ‘He that believeth in me, though he were

dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.’

“This reassurance—yes, even holy confirmation—of life beyond the grave could well provide the peace promised by the Savior when He assured His disciples: ‘Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.’”³

He Is Not Here

“Our Savior lived again. The most glorious, comforting, and reassuring of all events of human history had taken place—the victory over death. The pain and agony of Gethsemane and Calvary had been wiped away. The salvation of mankind had been secured. The Fall of Adam had been reclaimed.

“The empty tomb that first Easter morning was the answer to Job’s question, ‘If a man die, shall he live again?’ To all within the sound of my voice, I declare, If a man die, he shall live again. We know, for we have the light of revealed truth. . . .

“My beloved brothers and sisters, in our hour of deepest sorrow, we can receive profound peace from the words of the angel that first Easter morning: ‘He is not here: for he is risen.’”⁴

All Will Live Again

“We laugh, we cry, we work, we play, we love, we live. And then we die. . . .



“And dead we would remain but for one Man and His mission, even Jesus of Nazareth. . . .

“With all my heart and the fervency of my soul, I lift up my voice in testimony as a special witness and declare that God does live. Jesus is His Son, the Only Begotten of the Father in the flesh. He is our Redeemer; He is our Mediator with the Father. He it was who died on the cross to atone for our sins. He became the firstfruits of the Resurrection. Because He died, all shall live again.”⁵

A Personal Witness

“I declare my personal witness that death has been conquered, victory over the tomb has been won. May the words made sacred by Him who fulfilled them become actual knowledge to all. Remember them. Cherish them. Honor them. *He is risen.*”⁶ ■

NOTES

1. “He Is Risen,” *Liahona and Ensign*, Apr. 2003, 7.
2. “At Parting,” *Liahona and Ensign*, May 2011, 114.
3. “Now Is the Time,” *Liahona*, Jan. 2002, 68; *Ensign*, Nov. 2001, 59; see also John 11:25–26; 14:27.
4. “He Is Risen,” *Liahona and Ensign*, May 2010, 89, 90; see also Job 14:14; Matthew 28:6.
5. “I Know That My Redeemer Lives!” *Liahona and Ensign*, May 2007, 24, 25.
6. *Liahona and Ensign*, Apr. 2003, 7.

TEACHING FROM THIS MESSAGE

After sharing quotes from President Monson’s message, note the testimony that he bears of the true meaning of Easter. You could ask family members the following questions: “What does it mean to you that a living prophet has testified of these truths today? How can you apply them in your life?” Consider adding your testimony.

YOUTH

I Will See Him Again

By Morgan Webecke

Dad made each of us kids feel special. He loved us and would forgive easily. He did his best to make sure that each of us was happy, and he made it clear that he wanted the best for us. I loved him so much.

When I was in sixth grade, my dad died in a car accident. My family and I were totally devastated. There was a big hole in our family. Dad was the one I leaned on, the one I went to if I was having problems. Instead of seeking help, I let the anger and hurt stay. I finally decided it was God's fault. I stopped reading my scriptures and saying prayers. I went to church only because Mom wanted me to. I tried to stay far away from my Heavenly Father.

Then I went to Young Women camp for the first time. I

liked meeting new friends, but I still didn't read my scriptures. On the last night, we had a testimony meeting. I felt something I hadn't in a long time: the Spirit. I admired the girls who got up and bore their testimonies, but I stayed seated because I thought I didn't have one. All of a sudden I felt like I had to get up. I opened my mouth, wondering what to say. So I said I was glad for Young Women camp. Then I found myself saying that I knew Jesus Christ died for me and that my Heavenly Father loved me and that the Church was true.

I was filled with a remarkable peace. Thanks to this experience I can say that I know I will see my dad again because of the Savior's Atonement and Resurrection.

CHILDREN

He Lives!

President Monson teaches that because Jesus Christ died and was resurrected, we all will live again. Look at the pictures below. Write a number in each box to show the order in which these events happened.

Because Jesus Christ lives, families can be together forever. Draw a picture of your family in the box below.