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Sunday is Easter—the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is, without a doubt the most important celebration in the Christian calendar. The resurrection is the singular, climatic event that validates Jesus' life and ministry. It is the proof of Jesus' sinless life, for if He had sinned He would be under the curse of death, just as all the rest of us are.

You see, because He was sinless, He was not under the curse of death and therefore did not die for Himself, but for us. He died volitionally taking our sin upon Himself so that we could live. That is why the apostle Paul writes, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, "For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him" (1 Corinthians 15:21-23). He is our blessed hope (Titus 2:13). There is no other hope for eternity that offers this kind of hope of the resurrection. For the One who offers it, backs it up with His own resurrection. That is why Jesus' is worthy of our faith.

So, join together with Christians around the world and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus this Easter. If we put our faith in Him, He is coming back for us, whether we are dead or alive when He comes, to take Him to Himself. This is our hope and future. In this we can rejoice regardless of all that is going on around us for we know the end of the story.

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter