

He Is Risen!



An old man was looking into a store window at a painting of Christ suffering on the cross. He was so occupied that he did not notice a small boy near him.

This boy had attended a Bible class where he was told about the wonderful love of the Lord Jesus. He had heard how Jesus left heaven's glory to come to this earth; how He went around doing good and healing sick people, yet had no home of His own; how He was crucified by those who hated Him, and died like a criminal on a wooden cross, even though He had never sinned; and how His friends put His body in a tomb.

Suddenly the old man heard the boy speaking. He was retelling the story of the cross as he had heard it in the Bible class. When the boy finished speaking he walked away, leaving the old man still looking intently at the picture while the "old, old story" of the Savior's love gripped his heart.

Then he felt a tug on his sleeve. The young gospel preacher had returned.

Pointing to the picture he announced with great emphasis, "One more thing, Mister—He is risen!" And the boy left abruptly, as though his work was complete.

The boy is right—the Bible declares that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and is seated at God's right hand in heaven. Consider these Bible verses:

- **He died for you:** "Christ died for our sins ... He was buried, and He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

- **He rose again:** "Jesus of Nazareth ... crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it" (Acts 2:23-24).

- **He lives in Heaven:** "When He (God's Son) had by Himself purged our sins, (He) sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Hebrews 1:3).

- **He is the only way:** "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among

men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

He is no longer a dead Savior, but a living, risen Savior, ready to receive and forgive everyone who comes to Him.

Would you like to come to Christ for forgiveness of sins? He is your only salvation. Believe that He died for your sins and rose again. Confess to Him that you are a sinner. Accept His death on the cross for you. Then you will be saved from your sins and on your way to heaven!

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