

**This story  
is not  
finished**

# **Seven events in the Mission of Jesus Christ**

- 1. He came into the world**
- 2. He died on the cross**
- 3. He was buried in a grave**
- 4. He rose from the dead**
- 5. He appeared to many**
- 6. He ascended to the Father**
- 7. He is coming again**

# No normal category for Jesus

What do we do with...

- **Pre-existence?**
- **Virgin birth?**
- **Incarnation?**
- **Resurrection?**
- **Ascension?**
- **Promised return?**
- It's too much to wrap our finite minds around.
- It requires a God who breaks in on the natural order - *a God who reveals Himself to us.*

**The story of Jesus didn't  
end with death because,**

**“God raised him up putting  
an end to the agony of  
death since it was  
impossible for Him to be  
held in its power.”**

**(Acts 2:24)**

**“Christianity is,  
among other things,  
the wonderfully  
good news that  
this life is not our  
whole story.”**

(Robert Roberts)

**HE IS RISEN**  
*the Lord is risen indeed*

**How to live even after  
dying**

**Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies' (John 11:25).**





**Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.”  
(John 5:25).**

**“They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen — by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.”**

**(Acts 10:39-42)**



**JUDGMENT**

**“Christ died and returned to life  
so that he might be  
the Lord of both  
the dead and the living.”  
(Romans 14:9-12).**



# The confession of those who belong to Jesus,

- “If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord” (Romans 14:8).
- We confess this because...
  - “He died for us so that, whether we are alive or dead we may live together with him” (I Thessalonians 5:10).

**”Don’t be afraid! I am the First and the Last. I am the living one. I died, but look - I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave”  
(Revelation 1:17-18).**



# Words of hope for the followers of Christ

**“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14:1-3).**









**“For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son (John 5:21-22).**

# Hebrews 9:27

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# **A truth we cannot escape**

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(Hebrews 9:27)**

- “Wicked officials committed a terrible injustice in killing him, but God reversed that injustice by raising Jesus from the dead, showing him to be God's Son and appointing him as judge over the entire world. Judge Jesus has endured horrible oppression and injustice, and he has overcome it by rising again. His resurrection encourages us never to give up on justice but to believe that the Lord will always have the final word. If you know that Jesus lives and that he is the appointed judge, you know that justice will triumph and that injustice will be overturned and punished”
- “The victory achieved by Christ through his death and resurrection on that first Easter morning is the guarantee of God's final triumph over evil. By his perfect life, his death for our sins and his resurrection, it is Christ who has won the right to be the final judge of the human race.”

(David Feddes).