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Listen, He lives!

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What a Good Friday!

Hello my friend, thanks for taking a little time to read this. You are in my prayers. The Lord sees you and will give you answers and peace.

Today is Good Friday, which means that Christians all over the world celebrate the crucifixion of Jesus, usually by fasting. As a church, we even joined them last year in a great fast led by our Prophet, President Nelson.

It is a very holy day for many, and we respect that. Jesus suffered tremendously for us, which we definitely need to remember. But we don't usually celebrate this day as much as other churches because we like to focus more on what happened after that tragic event. He rose!

This is why Easter is so important to us. Christ rose from the dead. He was resurrected as a glorified, perfected being! He became "the firstfruits of them that slept." (1 Corinthians 15:20)

This is something to celebrate! God showed us what happens next, after this life. Jesus appeared to Mary, His apostles, and many other faithful members as a Holy being. Not only Him, but others who had died also appeared to many as we learn in Matthew 27: 52-53,

"And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many."

This is glorious news! The most wonderful news in history! That's why we call it 'Good News'.

I know we could all use some good news right now. The world has been full of uncertainty and sadness for over a year. But we can rejoice because as we celebrate this truth about the resurrection, we can be assured that Christ lives today, and He's performing a great work on this earth to prepare us for His coming. This also means that we will live again, and all our loved ones, in perfected, holy bodies.

The future is bright. You have a special purpose in this great work. We need you. The people of the world need you. And who are they? Everyone you know, or will know. Including all the people you get to know by doing family history and temple work.

That is a lot of people you can influence, if you share the love, and light of Jesus Christ.

We'll do it together.

Join saints around the world this weekend as we listen to prophets, seers, and revelators share inspired messages of peace, love, and joy; in other words, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He has told them what to say to us. We just need to listen.

Thank you for listening.

Happy Easter!

Bishop Williams

P.S. Watch General Conference live streamed on the church web site at 9:00am and 1:00pm Saturday and Sunday (April 3 and 4) here:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/broadcasts?lang=eng&video=13911117000035352631&mode=watch>

We also have a wonderful new story on our ward web site by Sister Cynthia LeBaron (with awesome pictures!) Check it out here:

<https://pennycreek.org/2021/04/01/the-power-of-example/>

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