



Hope in the Future

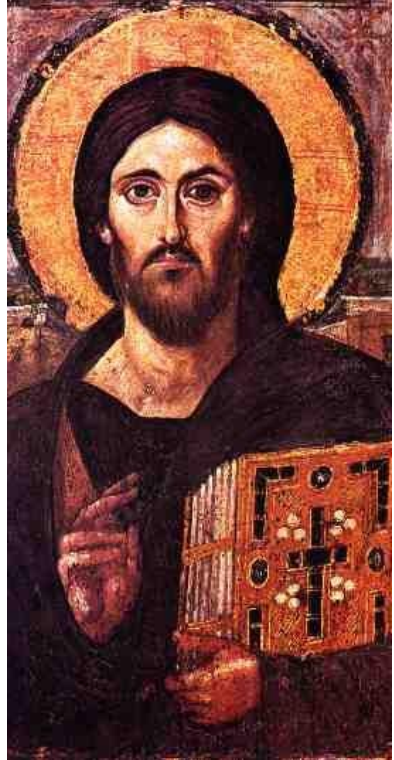
Reflection Six

The Lord Jesus Christ

**‘To know Christ is to enter into
who he is.’**

David Payne

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God; he was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him and without him nothing came to be. Whatever have come to be, found life in him, life which for humans was also light, a light that shines in dark; a light that darkness could not overcome.



(John: 1. 1-5)

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only son of the Father,

And of his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

(John. 1: 14, 16)

Sick, our nature demanded to be healed; fallen, to be raised up; dead to rise again. We had lost the procession of the good: it was necessary for us to be given back. Closed in darkness, it was necessary to bring us light; captives, we awaited a Saviour; prisoners, help; slaves, a liberation. Are these things minor or insignificant? Did they not move God to descend to human nature and visit it, since humanity was in so miserable and unhappy state.’ (St Gregory of Nyssa 457 CCC)

God’s rescue plan

Have I realised what God has done for me?

We stop, reflect and share

Jesus Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the World

For in Christ we obtain freedom, sealed by his blood and have the forgiveness of sins. In this appears the greatness of his grace, which he has lavished upon us.

(St Paul, Ephesians, 1:7)

Through him, (Christ) God willed to reconcile all things to himself, and through him, through his blood shed on the cross, God establishes peace, on earth and in heaven.

(St Paul, Colossians 1:20)

**Jesus is Risen.
The crowning truth of our Faith.**

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again**

If Christ has not been raised from the dead, our preaching is empty and our belief comes to nothing.

(St Paul, 1 Corinthians 15:14)

And if Christ be not raised your faith gives you nothing, and you are still in sin.

(St Paul, 1 Corinthians 15:17)

But NO,

CHRIST HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD. He is first, and the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep

(St Paul, 1 Corinthians 15:20)

Which appearance of Jesus after his resurrection is your favourite?'

How do you think the people in the story were affected the event?

What effect is the Resurrection of Jesus having on my life?

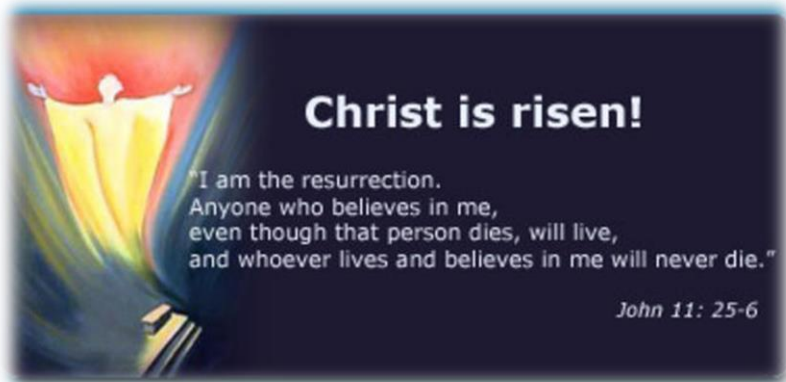
If you have accepted Christ Jesus as LORD,
let him be your doctrine.

Be rooted and built up in him;
let faith be your principle, as you were taught,
and your thanksgiving overflowing.

(St Paul, Colossians 2:6)

Christ will come again in glory.

Amen



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