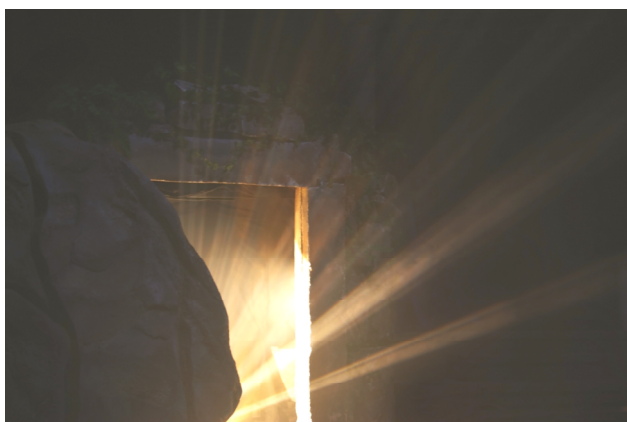

Easter is All About You!

“Because I live, you also will live.”

John 14:19



“Happy Holidays!” Sound out of place in April? It doesn’t have to. This month marks arguably the most important holiday of the year ... Easter. Why? Because Easter is ALL ABOUT YOU! But isn’t Easter about Jesus? Yes, Easter is not so much about colored eggs, candy baskets and bunny rabbits. It is about Jesus. But Easter is also about YOU!

At Easter we celebrate that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. This miraculous event is certainly reason for celebration, especially since Jesus had to suffer so much and have his life cut so short. But Easter is much more than that. Knowing the significance of Easter is a matter of life and death!

You see, Jesus could have chosen not to die. He had the power to stop his murderers. He had the power to walk away from his cross and from all who cried out “Crucify him!” He had the power

to leave this earth and go back up to heaven where he came from. But Jesus willingly chose to live as one of us, but he never sinned, not even once. He was determined to suffer and to die. Why would anyone leave the eternal bliss of heaven for that? Because Easter is all about you!

He looked down from heaven, saw sinful mankind, and chose to love us anyway. We have not loved God perfectly with our whole heart and soul, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor perfectly as ourselves. For that, God should have made us pay with our lives for our sins against him. Instead, he sent his sinless Son who took our sins on himself; Jesus suffered and died in our place.

Here’s the best part: he rose from the dead! And because he conquered death, Jesus promises that we too shall conquer death! Yes, we will still have to endure the physical experience of death. But just like Jesus, our Savior, we too will rise from the dead, and through faith in him, join him in heaven.

That’s how Easter is all about you. Jesus said, “Because I live, you also will live.” Trusting in him as your Savior from sin, he assures you that you will rise from the dead and live forever.