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Thank God for the Resurrection

Resurrection for the Christian is victory as Christ was victorious over death. Jesus, "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29), predicted his death and resurrection and it happened as he said it would. Having accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior ought to give us the same feelings as the two women who witnessed the resurrection of Jesus. According to Matthew (28:8), "they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word." Why were they excited to share this news to the disciples? I believe it's because they had accepted him as Lord and Savior of their lives prior to his death. They believed that he was the Messiah to come. Furthermore, they were still mourning his death on the cross and now their sorrow was certainly turned to joy. I can only imagine their excitement on that resurrection morning as they ran quickly to share the news.

Friends, Jesus has already won the battle against the devil on the cross. Yet often times we live like we don't believe that Jesus was victorious. We are living like Thomas before he saw the wounds in the Savior's hands after the resurrection. We are waiting to see a personal revelation of Jesus in our own lives before we can believe. In other words, we doubt still. It is about time we step away from doubt and start believing that Jesus has won the battle and reflect that notion in our lives as we face the devil every day. Remember, doubt is the opposite of faith, the basis of Christianity.

I believe the reason why we fall to Satan's temptation is because we don't believe Jesus is already victorious. He has already won the battle yet we don't claim that victory in our lives. Believe it and show it in your own life – the victorious life. Claim that victory… the victory that brought you to a new life in Jesus…the victory that brought you to where you are today. That's the true meaning of the resurrection for all of Christianity.

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