

**“The Keys Of Death”  
Revelation 1:17-18  
Easter Morning Services April 17, 2022**

When you look at all **Four Gospels** and the appearances of Jesus, you find that there are **10-11 times that Jesus appeared. Five of these appearances** were on the day of resurrection.

**Acts 1:3**

John has a vision of Jesus Christ. It was so powerful that it almost killed John.  
**Revelation 1:17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as a dead man.**

**Why Was John So Frightened?** Because Jesus was different.

**2 Corinthians 5:16**

His **Appearance** has changed but His **Actions** Have Not Changed:  
(Two Things That Jesus did)

1. **Jesus Touched Him: And He laid His right hand upon me,**

**Mark 1:40-41**

2. **Jesus’ touch brought comfort and assurance:**

**Jesus Spoke Words To Comfort: saying, "Do not be afraid; "Stop being afraid!"**

**Revelation 1:18 I have the keys of death and of Hades. “The Keys Of Death” Means “The Conquest Of Fears!”**

There are **Three Supreme Fears of Mankind** that the resurrection of Jesus Christ Conquers!

1. **The Fear Of Life**
2. **The Fear Of Death**
3. **The Fear Of Eternity**

**1. The Fear Of Life:**

**Because Jesus rose from the dead, He bids us “Not To Be Afraid Of Life!”**

**Revelation 1:18 and the living One; What this means is “All life is derived from God!”**

**“Jesus alone is “Self-Existent” John 14:6**

**The Resurrection of Jesus gives purpose to life! 1 Corinthians 15:19**

**“What Are Some Of The Fears of Life?”**

- 1. The Fear Of A Wasted Life:**
- 2. The Fear Of Life’s Sorrows:**

**Romans 8:18, 28**

- 3. The Fear Of Life’s Responsibilities:**

**Matthew 6:31-32; Philippians 4:13**

- 4. The Fear Of Being Left Alone:**

**Hebrews 13:5**

**“What Is The Purpose of Life?”**

**“We are not ready to live until We are ready to die!”**

**Philippians 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. (Life’s Purpose Is To Know And Live With Jesus!)**

**Matthew 10:39; Mark 8:36-37; John 10:10**

## **2. The Fear Of Death:**

**Because Jesus rose from the dead, He bids us “Not To Be Afraid Of Death!”**

**Revelation 1:18 and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore,**

**Surely this is one of man’s greatest of fears, is that of death!**

**The Biblical record is clear, all four Gospels record Jesus’ death: and I was dead, this is a fact, it is the record that Jesus was truly dead.**

Jesus was fully God, and He was also fully man. Because Jesus was a man He could really die. **John 10:18**

**How Did Jesus Die?** All four Gospels record His death. On the Cross, a spear in His side, blood and water.

**Why Did Jesus Die? Because of our sin. Romans 6:23**

**John 12:32; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24**

**To Reconcile Man To God (Man's fault) and man with fellow man, and this universe: Colossians 1:20**

**The record is clear Jesus was raised from the dead: and behold, I am alive forevermore,**

**Resurrection** – means *"to come to life again, to live again"*

**The believer in Jesus Christ need not fear death!** Jesus was dead but now He is alive. **John 14:19 because I live, you will live also.**

**Philippians 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.**

**So, death for the Christian is a friend not a foe! 1 Corinthians 15:55**

**What Does Death For The Believer Mean?**

**Death For The Believer Means - Coronation: 2 Timothy 4:7-8**

**Death For The Believer Means - Being With The Lord:  
2 Corinthians 5:8**

**Death For The Believer Means - Going Home: John 14:2-3**

**Death For The Believer Means - An Exodus: 2 Corinthians 5:1-3**

**1 Corinthians 15:20**

### **3. The Fear Of Eternity:**

**Because Jesus rose from the dead He bids us "Not To Be Afraid Of Eternity!"**

**Revelation 1:18 and I have the keys of death and of Hades.**

**I have the keys** The **keys** - speak of *"His authority"*

**of death** – *"separation"*

**and of Hades.** *"The unseen world"*

**Job 14:14 "If a man dies, will he live again?"** That the Bible teaches (YES!)

**"How about you, do you know where you will spend eternity?"  
You can actually know - 1 John 5:13**

## **Remember Death Is Universal! Psalms 89:48; Hebrews 9:27**

**When you die will you go to heaven, be with Jesus, and other loved ones?**

### **Application: How can I be ready?**

- 1. Remember God Loves You!** There's Nothing More That Jesus Can Do For Us. He Came, He Died, He Was Buried, He Resurrected and Ascended.
- 2. Realize You Are A Lost Sinner!** We Can't Save Ourselves! By Grace We Are Saved. **(Ephesians 2:8-9)**
- 3. Receive Jesus As Your Savior!** Repent, (Turn From Your Way To God's Way), Place Your Faith In Jesus! Believe In Him. Live For Him!