

Christ Died for All

Romans 10:1-13

New
Testament
Reading

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him.

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:12-13



When God made us, He made us perfectly for Himself. But when the fall happened, and sin entered the world, we were no longer perfect and ready for eternity in God’s Kingdom.



When Jesus came, died on the cross, and rose from the dead, He did that for us. He died in our place because He loves us.

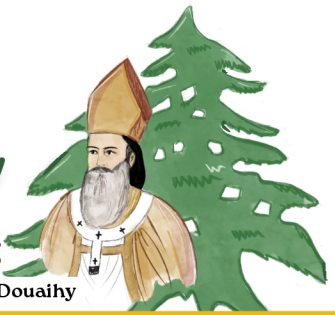


This is such good and beautiful news. Jesus unlocked Heaven for us so that when we live lives that follow the Lord and seek to honor Him, we have eternity in Heaven to look forward to.

However, it is important to remember that eternity in Heaven was not just unlocked for a specific group of people. Jesus was Jewish, and He came *through* the Jews for them, as well as for *all* the people in the *entire world*. He did this because He loves us all!

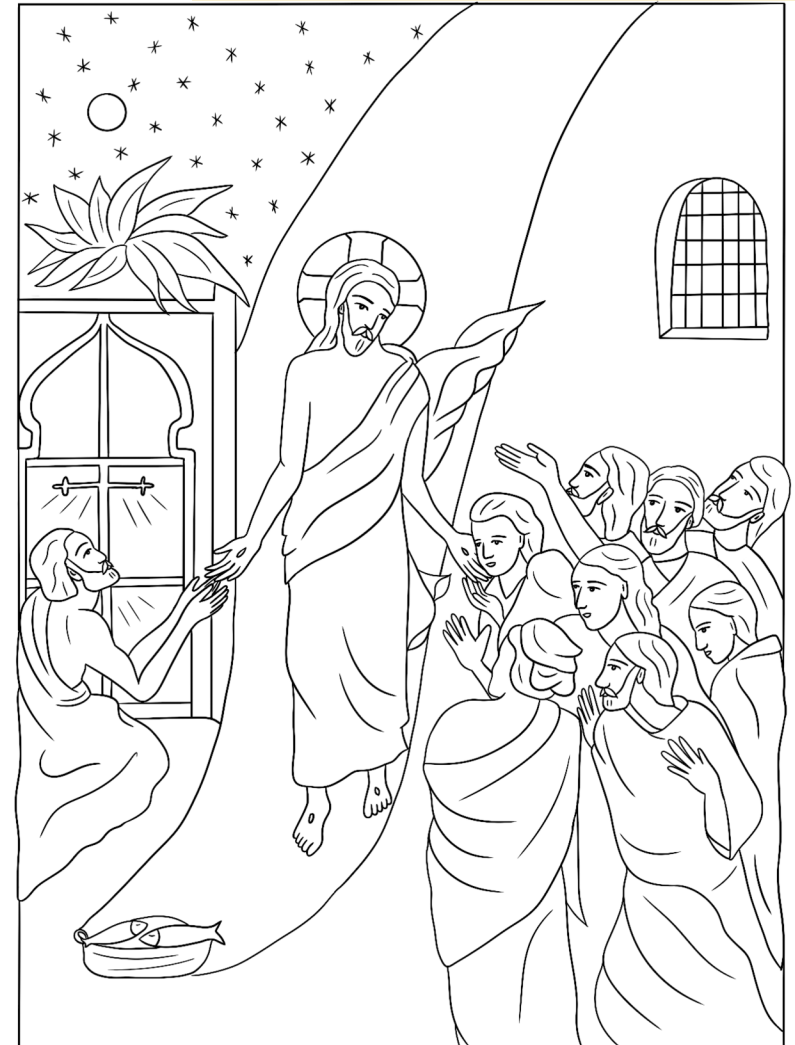


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While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.”





Gospel Corner

Luke
24:36-48

After Jesus rose from the dead, he visited his disciples several times. Once, while they were gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, Jesus suddenly appeared in their midst. The disciples were terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost! The doors were locked - so how did Jesus get into the room?



To prove to the disciples that he was not a ghost, Jesus invited them to touch him and see he was in fact flesh and bones. Then he asked them for something to eat! You see, a ghost is pure spirit! So if Jesus were a ghost, they would not be able to touch him, and he certainly could not eat any food!

When Jesus resurrected from the dead, he did so in Body and Spirit. As Jesus continued to appear to his disciples, he revealed to them his glorified body. It was the same body that died, yet was now transformed in a glorious way!

In the same way, all those who die in God's friendship will receive a glorified body at the final resurrection. God created us in His image and likeness - body and soul. In the final resurrection, our souls and bodies will reunite, but we will have a new and glorified body like Jesus and Mary.

This glorified body will look like our bodies here on earth, but they will be very special with preternatural gifts. Some of these special gifts include: the body will never get sick or get hurt, or die; the new body will be able to move wherever the soul wants instantly, without effort; and the new body will be filled with light and look perfectly beautiful, shining with God's glory.



Did you know?

IMPASSIBILITY

At the final resurrection, when the souls of the faithful are reunited with their glorified bodies, one of the qualities of the new body will be impassibility.

Impassibility is the quality of being incapable of suffering, injury, or death. The new glorified body will be free from every kind of physical evil.

What you can do



Notice all of the times you hear the phrase "Peace be with you" during Divine Liturgy.

Go to Adoration and sit before Jesus who is fully present - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity - in the Blessed Sacrament.

Say a prayer each night before you go to sleep.



Learn Our Liturgical Language



At the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus greets His disciples by saying "Peace be with you." This phrase is used often throughout our Divine Liturgy - sometimes in English and sometimes in Syriac. Trace the phrase below in English, Syriac, and Syriac written in English letters!

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Don't forget - when written in Syriac script, it goes right to left!

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