



HE IS RISEN!

I wonder why...

We generally watch the Ten O'clock News... it helps us keep abreast of what is happening in the world. Usually much attention is focussed on the most significant matters - as is the case whenever the budget is revealed!

Why does the Bible - the only book given by God to the human race - pay so much attention to the death of the Lord Jesus Christ? Surely His life - not His death - is the most important thing to emphasize? Yet the record of Jesus' life and ministry majors on His death so much that it seems that a totally disproportionate amount of space is given to it. I wonder why...?

Jesus spoke of His death on a number of occasions saying that He '*must suffer many things and be slain, and be raised the third day...*' But **why** was it necessary that He should suffer *and* die?

The Lord Jesus Himself gives the answer saying that He came '*To give His life a ransom for many*'.

Sometimes we hear of a crime and feel outrage - the culprit should be punished. God has placed this sense of justice within us. He is altogether righteous: His justice faultless. This is why all sin must be dealt with - including my sin and your sin.

In ancient times a slave would be freed if an adequate ransom was paid. God sent His Son to be our substitute - to be the ransom for our sin. '*He Himself bore our sins in His body*'.

We know the ransom was sufficient! Before Jesus died on the cross He said, '*It is FINISHED!*' Three days later - He rose from the dead - the glorious evidence that the Sacrifice had been accepted - sin's penalty was paid - and our sins, if we trust in the Lord Jesus, have been completely dealt with. We are forgiven.

This is the Good News we proclaim!

Please join us for the Easter services and whenever you can!

Sincerely,

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Five Ash Down Chapel Services

Sunday services are at 11.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Sundays 11.00 a.m. to 12 noon Good News Group

(Children 3 years and over)

Thursdays 7.30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study

Good Friday Service

29th March 11.00 a.m.

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Easter Sunday Services

31st March

11.00 a.m. & 3.00 p.m.

**There is a green hill far away,
Outside a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.**

**We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains He had to bear;
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.**

**He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to Heav'n,
Saved by His precious blood.**

**There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven and let us in.**

**O dearly, dearly has He loved,
And we must love Him, too,
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do.**

