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# HE IS RISEN

## Rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ

**Sunday**  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION | 9:00AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE | 10AM

**Tuesday**  
TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE | 7:00PM

**Wednesday**  
MORNING PRAYER | 11:00AM

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# Happy Easter

Sunday, April 5, 2026

***Praise The Lord VLC Family and Friends,***

*The VLC Newsletter Ministry sincerely appreciate everyone taking time from their busy schedules to read our quarterly Newsletters. To help us improve our future publications, we'd love to hear your honest feedback. Please take a moment to answer 1 or more of the questions below. This is a completely anonymous survey. Please respond by sending an email to the following: [tonyadhayes@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyadhayes@yahoo.com) Subject line—VLC Newsletter Suggestions by April 12, 2026. It takes less than 5 minutes to complete.*

***Your Insights will help us to serve you better.***

- What do you value most in our newsletters?*
- What is one topic you wish we covered more often?*
- What could we do to improve your experience?*
- What's one topic you'd love for us to cover*

***Tonya D. Hayes***  
***VLC Newsletter Ministry***  
***President***

*VLC Insights Newsletter, focus is to build an electronic culture of engagement to increase worship, inspire, inform, educate and encourage all Christians to continue to stay focus in life, connected to God and grounded in Christ Jesus.*

***Happy Reading!!!***



Praise The Lord to all of my V-Life family,

**Christ** is risen, and in that glorious truth we find our unshakable hope, our renewed strength, and our eternal victory. Because He lives, the chains of sin are broken, the sting of death is defeated, and the promise of new life is made available to all who believe.

Let your hearts rejoice, not only in what He has done, but in what His resurrection continues to do within us—restoring, healing, and calling us to walk in the fullness of His victorious life. V-life, lift your voices and your lives as living testimonies: He is risen indeed, and because He lives, we too shall live.

**Because of his death, burial and grand resurrection we are WINNERS!!!**

Love you all,

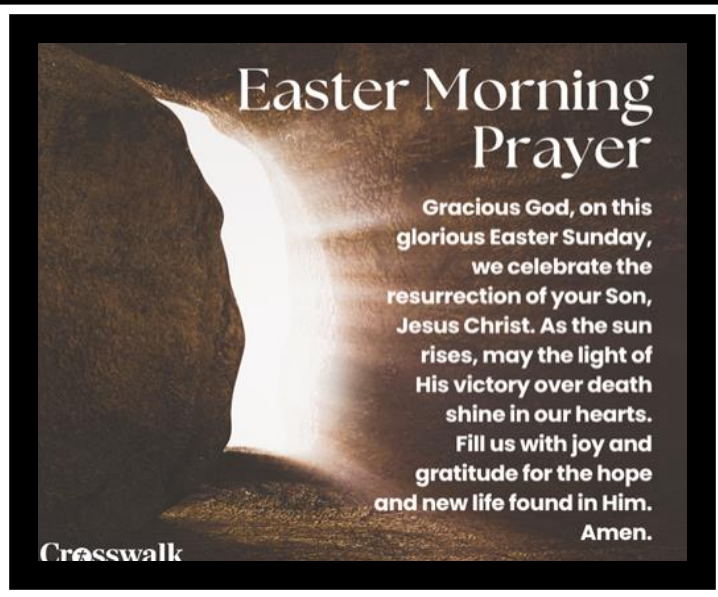
Dist. Eld. C. D. Collier

Senior Pastor of Victorious Life Church



Matthew 28:1-10 KJV

1. In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.
2. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
3. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:
4. And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.
5. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.
6. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
7. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.
8. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.
9. And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.
10. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my



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~ Matthew 28:5-6

The resurrection of Jesus is one of the central truths of the gospel (I Cor. 15:1-8). So the question now is: What is the importance of Christ's resurrection to those who believe in Him? In Luke 18:31-33, Jesus foretells His death once again to his disciples. *Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all the things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again* (Mat. 20:17-19; Mark. 10:32-34).

It is unfortunate, however, that the twelve did not understand what Jesus was saying to them. It was hidden from them; neither did they know the things which were spoken. It is much the same today. The world has no clue as to what the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ are truly about, nor do they understand the reason why Jesus died. Galatians 1:4 says: *"Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.* Plainly put, Jesus died to save a lost and dying world. I John 2:2 states: *"And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."* He took on the punishment for our sins to satisfy God's righteous judgment against sin. But His words would soon bear proof that He will rise again.

It was toward the first day of the week when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulcher. Neither knew what to expect when they arrived. There was a great earthquake that shook the ground, and soon an angel descended from heaven and rolled the stone away. His countenance was like lightning, his clothes as white as snow. The angel, knowing they feared, said unto them, *"Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said that He would. Come and see the place where He lay"* (Mat. 28:5-6 NIV). When they arrived, they saw an empty tomb with nothing remaining but the clothes Jesus was buried in. The angel instructed them to go quickly and find the disciples and head to Galilee, the place where Jesus would meet with them.

And so it was as Christ had said, *"In three days, I will rise again"*. What a glorious moment. What a time to celebrate the "Resurrection" of our Lord. Has Christ risen in your life? Has Jesus made an appearance to you lately? What will you do when He comes to meet you? My prayer for you today is: *That if you confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved* (Rom. 10:9). Christ wants to meet with you this day. For He is risen, let's rejoice in the resurrection of Christ!



**WORLD NEWS**

*In Loving Memory*

**Reverend Jesse Jackson Sr. (1941–2026)**

Rev. Jesse Jackson was a towering American civil rights leader, Baptist minister, and politician who advanced social, racial, and economic justice. A protégé of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he led Operation Breadbasket, founded PUSH (People United to Save Humanity), and built the Rainbow Coalition, later running for president in 1984 and 1988. The New York Times

**Key Aspects of Jesse Jackson:**

- **Civil Rights Activism:** Jackson began by leading sit-ins in North Carolina, later joining the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to work on voting rights, school desegregation, and economic equality.
- **Political Trailblazer:** His 1984 and 1988 presidential campaigns, which ran on a "Rainbow Coalition" of poor and minority voters, made him the first African American to win a major state primary, significantly increasing Black voter registration and altering the Democratic delegate system.
- **Economic Justice (PUSH):** He founded PUSH and the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition to orchestrate economic boycotts against corporations that discriminated against Black Americans.
- **International Diplomacy:** Known for traveling to conflict zones to negotiate the release of prisoners and hostages, including in Syria (1984), Cuba (1980s), and Iraq (1990).
- **Legacy:** Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2000, he continued to be an outspoken advocate for voting rights and marginalized voices until his passing in 2026.



**Easter Recipe**

**Ingredients**

- 1-quart fresh strawberries, sliced.
- ¼ cup white sugar or to taste.
- 1 (12 ounce) package prepared sponge cake dessert cups.
- 1 (7 ounce) can whipped cream or whipped topping or to taste.

**Directions**

Place strawberries in a bowl; add sugar and stir to coat. Cover and refrigerate until sugar has dissolved, for about 15 minutes.

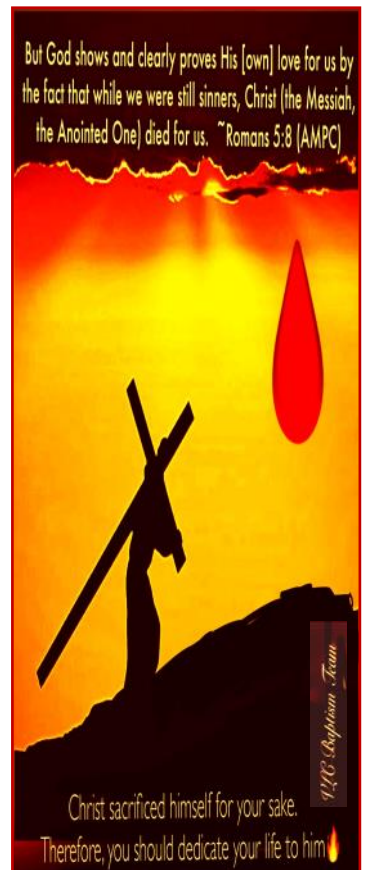


**Church Promotions**



- Pastor Ryan Allen
- Deacon Alphonso Brown
- Deacon Jason Galon
- Deaconess Toi Allen
- Elder Patricia Godbolt
- Evangelist Myla Mitchell
- Evangelist Laberta Brantley
- Men's Ministry
- Deacon Maurice Pearl
- Brother Richard Curtis

**Congratulations** saints, on your promotion! May the Holy Spirit fill your heart and grant you the strength to do God's will. VLCNLM





# A Father's Sacrifice



AP LaVerne S. Jones

## A True Story

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." ~ John 3:16*

**A**fter a few of the usual Sunday evening hymns, the church's pastor slowly stood up, walked over to the pulpit, and, before he gave his sermon for the evening, briefly introduced a guest minister who was in the service. In the introduction, the pastor informed the congregation that the guest minister was one of his dearest childhood friends and that he wanted him to have a few moments to greet the church and share whatever he felt was appropriate. An elderly man stepped up to the pulpit and began to speak.

"A father, his son, and a friend of his son were sailing off the Pacific coast," he began, when a fast-approaching storm blocked any attempt to get back to shore. The waves were so high that even though the father was an experienced sailor, he could not keep the boat upright, and the three were swept into the ocean as the boat capsized." The old man hesitated for a moment, making eye contact with two teenagers who, for the first time since the service began, leaned forward, looking somewhat interested in his story. The aged minister continued with his story.

"Grabbing a rescue line, the father had to make the most excruciating decision of his life: to which boy he would throw the other end of the lifeline. He only had seconds to make the decision. The father knew that his son was a Christian, and he also knew that his son's friend was not. The decision the father had to make left him in agony, and not one to be matched by the torrent of the waves. As the father yelled out, 'I love you, son!' He threw out the lifeline to his son's friend. By the time the father had pulled the friend back to the capsized boat, his son had disappeared beneath the raging swells into the black of night. His body was never recovered."

By this time, the two teenagers were sitting up straight in the pew, anxiously waiting for the next words out of the old minister's mouth. "The father", he continued, "knew his son would step into eternity with Jesus, and he could not bear the thought of his son's friend stepping into eternity without Jesus. Therefore, he sacrificed his son to save his son's friend. How great is the love of God that He should do the same for us. Our heavenly Father sacrificed his only begotten Son that we could be saved (John 3:16). I urge you to accept His offer to rescue you and take hold of the lifeline He is throwing out to you in this service today."

With that, the old man turned and sat back down in his chair as silence filled the room. The pastor again approached the pulpit and delivered a powerful but brief sermon. At the end of his message, he gave an invitation to accept Christ. At first, however, no one responded to the appeal. Within minutes after the service ended, the two teenagers were at the old man's side. "That was a nice story", politely stated one of the boys, "but I don't think it was very realistic. What father would give up his only son's life in hopes that the other boy would become a Christian?" They looked with eager eyes. "Well, you've got a point there," the old man replied, glancing down at his worn Bible. A big smile broadened his narrow face. He once again looked up at the boys and said, "It sure isn't very realistic, now is it? But I'm standing here today to tell you that that story gives me a glimpse of what it must have been like for God to give up His Son for me. You see...I was that father, and your pastor is my son's friend. Won't you let Christ rescue you today?"

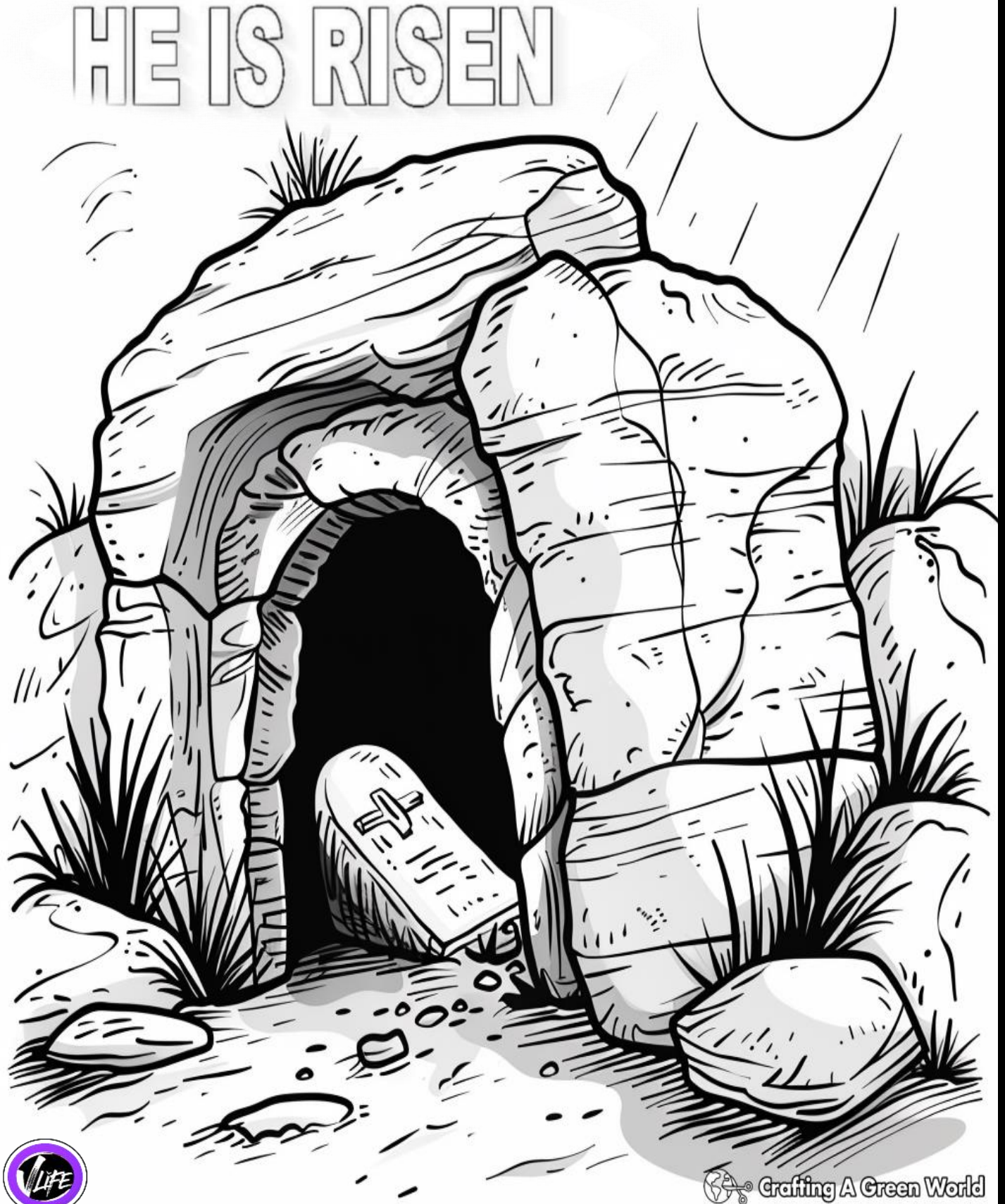


# Love Paid It All



# LET'S COLOR!

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Please remember to pray for and visit or call our members that are sick, shut-in, or hospitalized.

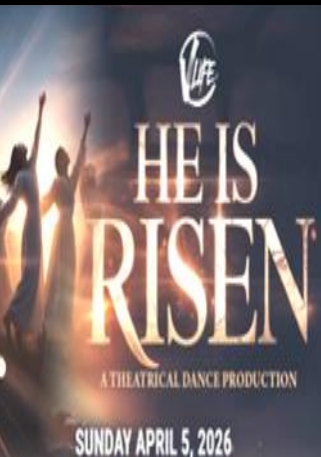
**LIFE**

In this Year of Purpose and Productivity, I declare and decree that I will submit to the wisdom of God for good stewardship.

By Faith, I shall be a committed tither and an offering sower.

By Faith, I will diligently work the strategies of God's word, to produce a successful manifestation in my life.

When I support God's house, God sustains my house!



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- Britton Tolbert**
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- Mother Hazel Lawrence**
- All VLC Senior Saints**
- Brother Roy Reliford**
- Brother Ryan A. Hayes**
- Sister Laverne Lunn**
- Sister Patrice Jordan**
- Sister Letitia Howard**
- Mother Joyce Pearson**
- Bro OB & Sis Rosie Jemerson**
- AP David & Viola Williams**
- Local Nursing Homes**
- Homeless Families**
- Family Members Incarcerated**
- The Kansas City Chiefs**
- The Kansas City Royals**
- KC Homicide Victims & Families**
- Israel**



**APRIL BABIES**

**RAISED WITH HIM** A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters

having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

— COLOSSIANS 2:12 NIV

When Jesus arose out of that tomb on Easter morning, it was as if all of us who have put our faith in Him were raised right along with Him.

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