

Easter! A triumph, a revolution! Jesus Christ was dead and lives again.

On Easter, we celebrate that God is stronger than death. Unbelievable, but true!

Even though it looked like a complete disaster:

The people crowding around Jesus back then felt it clearly: In him, God had come to the earth. Sick people were healed. Food was shared, and there was enough for everyone. Children were blessed. Women and men, poor and rich, fishermen and tax collectors grew together into a new kind of community.

And then Jesus was arrested, brutally tortured, mocked and executed. The end! They must have been wrong after all. Jesus could not have been the son of God. This would not have happened to him otherwise.

But a few days later, some women found his grave empty. And then, Jesus himself reappeared, right among his hiding, fearful followers. Visibly wounded and scarred, but alive! They could not believe their eyes. It took them some time until they understood the unfathomable: God had conquered death. Christ is risen!

They needed to process this. Understand this: Why did God allow his son to be killed and then brought him back to live again? Was there any meaning in this?

The whole second part of the Bible revolves around this question. And the answers stress different ideas. But all of them agree on one thing: With the death of Jesus, God has overcome evil, all evil. From the inside, you could say, not by fighting it, but by suffering it. And his resurrection shows that he succeeded. That life can start anew, once again.

Because Jesus shall not be the only one who rises again. He is only the first. And his resurrection will make all people rise from the dead. This life is not your last chance. Nothing needs to stay as it is.

Easter means: In the end, the one with the hardest knuckles will not prevail. In the end, those with the least scruples will not be the winners. In the end, God will renew the world. He will throw the mighty from their palaces and will make the poor rich.

That is what we believe. That is what we hope, against all appearances. Because we feel it in our lives, sometimes, tiny and hidden: This Jesus is alive. And we trust that this will be visible to all one day.

And that's why we have started to celebrate already. And we invite you to celebrate with us!

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