

I AM ALIVE

EASTER SUNDAY

Ac 1:1 The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, **2** until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. **3** To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.

Ex 3:13 Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" **14** God said to Moses, " I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" **15** God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.

Ac 9:40 But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. **41** And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. **42** It became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. **43** And Peter stayed many days in Joppa with a tanner named Simon.

INTRODUCTION

I AM HAPPY TO BE ALIVE.....THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT A BRUSH WITH DEATH THAT MAKES YOU VERY HAPPY TO BE ALIVE. THERE IS THIS FEELING OF RESURRECTION EVEN THOUGH YOU WEREN'T ACTUALLY DEAD.

ITS LIKE THE OLDER SAINTS USED TO SAY WHEN I WAS GROWING UP. "I COULD HAVE BEEN DEAD, SOMEWHERE SLEEPING IN MY GRAVE." THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT THE DAYS WE ARE LIVING IN THAT MAKES LIFE MORE MEANINGFUL, GIVES LIFE A SPECIAL FEEL, MAKES ME A LITTLE MORE PRONE TO GIVE GOD PRAISE FOR MY LIFE!

TODAY I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT I AM ALIVE BECAUSE THE I AM IS ALIVE.!

1. WHO IS THE I AM?

14 God said to Moses, " I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, `I AM has sent me to you.'"

HE IS THE GREAT I AM

HE IS THE ONE WHO HAS ALWAYS EXISTED

John 1:1 In the beginning the Word already existed.

***The Word was with God,
and the Word was God.***

John 1:2 He existed in the beginning with God.

***John 1:3 God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.***

***John 1:4 The Word gave life to everything that was created,
and his life brought light to everyone.***

HE IS THE WHO CANNOT BE DEFEATED

2. WAS THE I AM EVER DEAD?

Php 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

HE GAVE HIS LIFE TO FREE MANKIND

HE WENT INTO A GRAVE LIKE A DEAD MAN

HIS RESURRECTION LIFE COULDN'T BE STOPPED

Jn 11:24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

NOTE: When He got up other dead people came home! MT. 27.53

3. HOW DID HIS LIFE SAVE MINE?

HE CAME TO BRING LIFE TO ME

Jn 10:9 "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

HE DESTROYED THE ONE WHO HAD POWER OVER ME

Hebrews 2:14 Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.

Hebrews 2:15 Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

HE LIVES TO ENFORCE HIS PROMISE

1 John 2:1 My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.

1 John 2:2 He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.