

**Readings for the week of April 9/23:**

Acts 10:34-43

Colossians 3:1-4

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Matthew 28:1-10

On the joyful occasion of Resurrection Sunday, otherwise known as Easter Sunday, we celebrate the Lord Jesus Christ's victorious resurrection. His return to life, thus conquering sin and death, for us. All of us! He shows no partiality. (Acts 10:34) He has no "favorites".

Romans 5:8 tells us, *"but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* Christ died for each and every one of us, so that we could have eternal life, and live with Him forever.

Psalm 118:2 says of Jesus that, *"the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."* Jesus knows the sting of rejection, but He offers complete acceptance to us.

Jesus is the cornerstone of our lives. Each part of us; physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually, depends on Him. He knows our thoughts, our hearts, and even our secrets, but He was still willing to give up His life for us, so that we could be Saved from an eternity separated from Him.

He wants us to invite Him into our lives, and repent for our sins, so that we can receive His love, His forgiveness, and His mercy immediately.

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."* (John 3:16-17)

*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!* (Psalm 118:1)

*Jesus said to him {Thomas}, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)*